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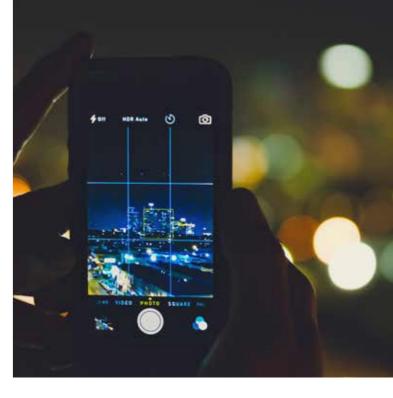
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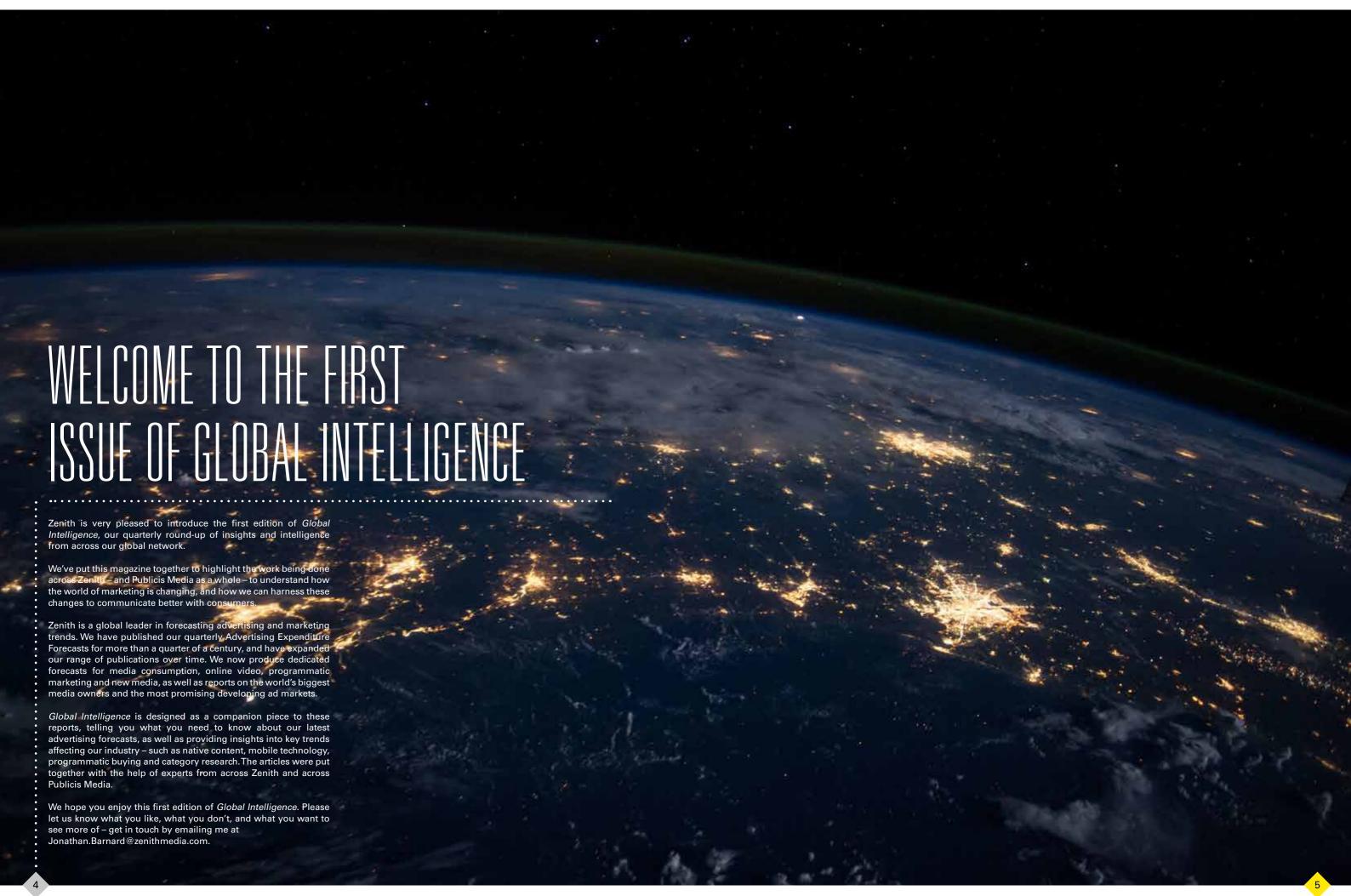
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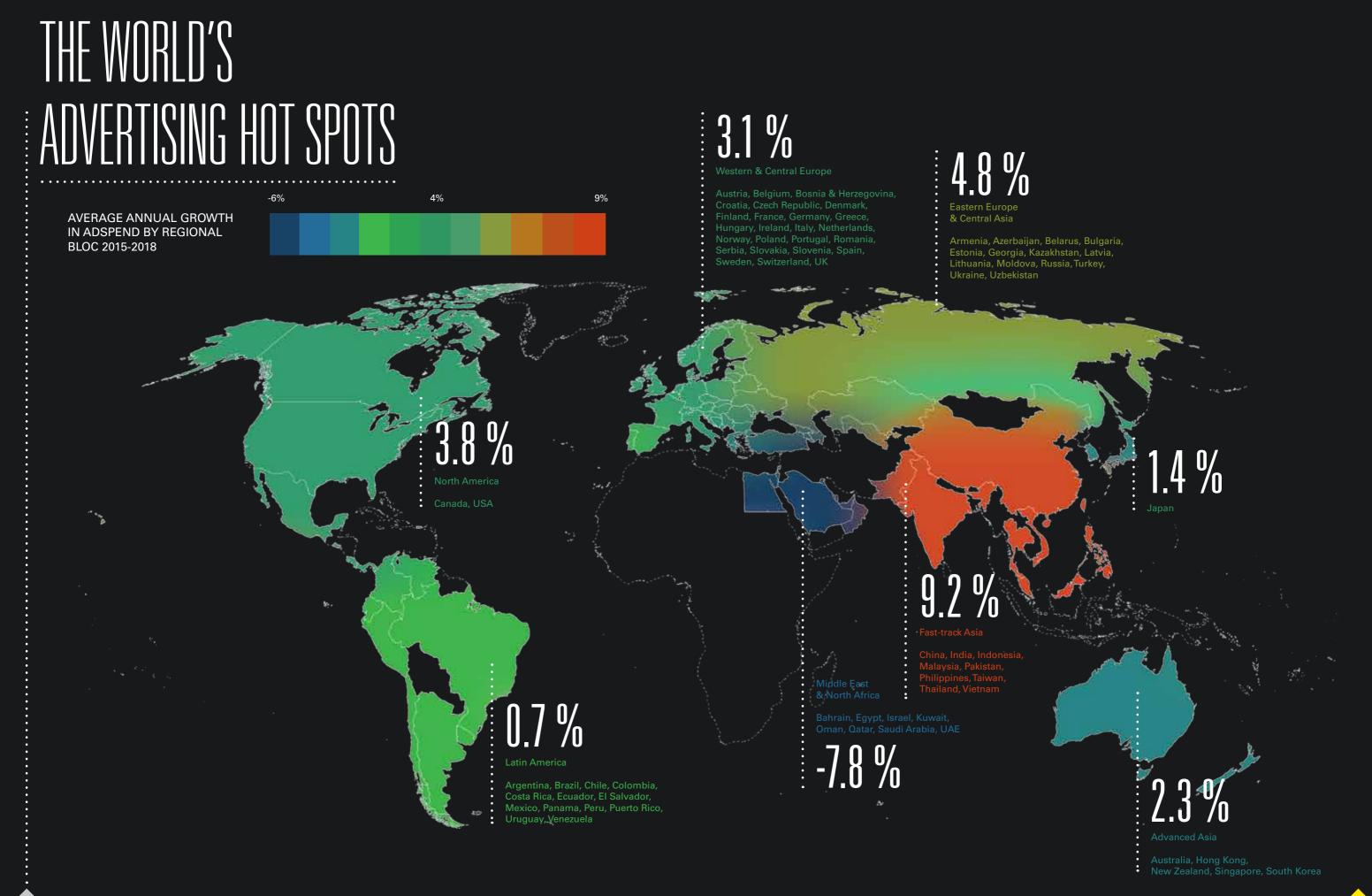
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## GLOBAL AD MARKET STRENGTHENS DESPITE BREXIT VOTE

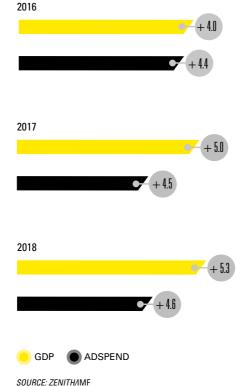
DEMAND FOR MEDIA IS RISING IN NORTH AMERICA, WESTERN EUROPE AND ASIA PACIFIC, SO BE ONTHE LOOK-OUT FOR MEDIA INFLATION. THE TRUE EFFECTS OF POLITICAL UPHEAVALS LIKE BREXIT WILL BE FELT ONLY IN THE LONG TERM; PAY MORE ATTENTION TO HOW CONSUMERS ARE ACTUALLY BEHAVING THAN THE LATEST HEADLINES.

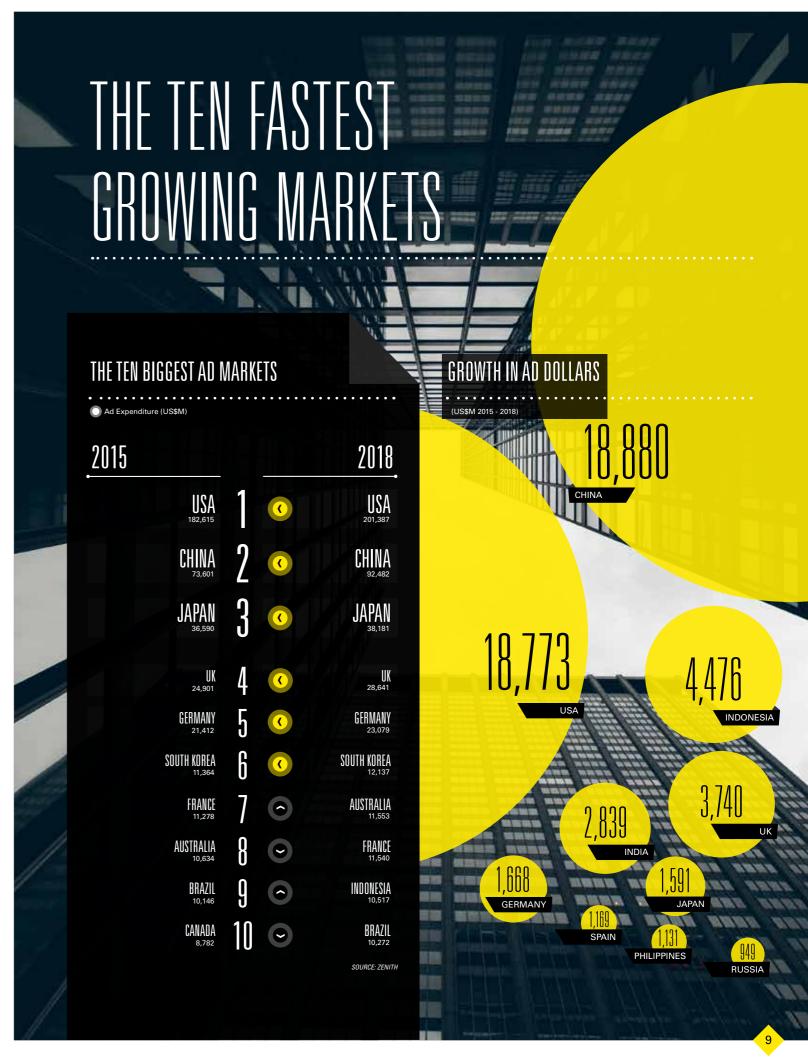
Global advertising expenditure will grow 4.4% this year to reach US\$539bn, ahead of the 4.1% we forecast back in June. Advertising expenditure will then expand by 4.5% in 2017 and 4.6% in 2018 – up from our previous growth forecasts for both years, which were 4.3% and 4.4% respectively. By 2018 global advertising expenditure will total US\$589bn, US\$4bn more than forecast in June.

This upgrade is mainly the result of stronger-than-expected growth in the US, where a strong labour market has encouraged consumers to increase their expenditure, and advertisers have fought harder for their share of the expanding market. We also expect Asia Pacific to grow 6.3% this year, up from our previous forecast of 6.2%, thanks to heavy political spending in the Philippines in the run-up to the May 2016 elections. And we have increased our forecast for Western Europe from 3.5% to 3.6% growth this year, because improved conditions in Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Portugal and Sweden have compensated for slowdown in the UK.

Although the vote for 'Brexit' in the UK's EU referendum came as a shock to many in the market, so far advertisers have reacted calmly, with no widespread budget reductions. We forecast 5.4% growth in adspend this year, fractionally less than our 5.6% forecast just before the vote. In the short term, uncertainty about the consequences of the vote will make companies less likely to invest in new products, and consumers less likely to take on big spending commitments. This leads us to forecast 3.4% growth next year, down from our pre-vote forecast of 4.0% growth.

#### GROWTH OF ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE AND GDP 2015-2018 (%)





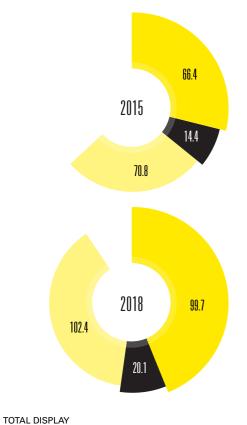
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## INTERNET LEADS WITH 13% ANNUAL GROWTH

GOOGLE, FACEBOOK, YAHOO AND TWITTER ACCOUNT FOR 60% OF GLOBAL INTERNET ADSPEND BETWEEN THEM. THEY NO LONGER SELL MOBILE AND DESKTOP SEPARATELY, SO MOST BRAND ADVERTISING ONLINE IS ALREADY MOBILE. BRAND ASSETS MUST BE DESIGNED WITH THE NEEDS OF THE MOBILE CONSUMER ATTHE FOREFRONT.

The internet is the fastest growing medium by some distance. Internet adspend grew 20% year on year in 2015, and we forecast an average growth rate of 14% a year between 2015 and 2018. Internet advertising accounted for 29.9% of global ad expenditure in 2015, up from 26.0% in 2014. By 2018 we expect internet advertising to attract 38.6% of all global advertising, after overtaking television to become the world's largest advertising medium in 2017.

DIGITAL ADSPEND BY CATEGORY (US\$BN)



CLASSIFIED

PAID SEARCH

SOURCE: ZENITH

Display is the fastest-growing internet sub-category, with 15% annual growth forecast to 2018. Here we include traditional display (such as banners), online video and social media. All three types of display have benefited from the transition to programmatic buying, which allows agencies to target audiences more efficiently and more effectively, with personalised creative.

We expect paid search to grow at an average rate of 13% a year to 2018, driven by continued innovation from the search engines, such as personalising search results, automatically matching search terms to content available on advertiser websites, and enhancing local and real-time search.

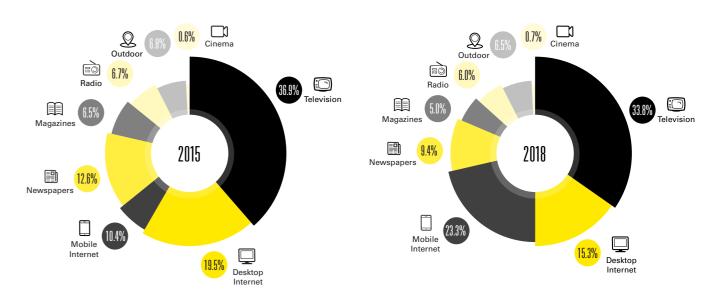
Online classified lags slightly behind search, and we forecast 12% annual growth to 2018.

Looking at internet adspend by device reveals the dramatic ascent of mobile advertising (by which we mean all internet ads delivered to smartphones and tablets, whether display, classified or search, and including in-app ads). We estimate that mobile advertising grew 94% in 2015, and we forecast average annual growth of 36% a year between 2015 and 2018, driven by the rapid spread of devices and improvements in user experiences. By contrast we forecast desktop internet advertising to shrink at an average rate of 4% a year as advertisers follow consumers to mobile.

Since it began in the mid-1990s, internet advertising (both desktop and mobile) has principally risen at the expense of print. Over the past ten years internet advertising has risen from 6% of total global spend (in 2005) to 30% (in 2015). Meanwhile newspapers' share of global spend has fallen from 29% to 13%, while magazines' has fallen from 13% to 7%. Print titles will continue to lose market share as their readers continue to move to online versions of the print brands or other forms of information and entertainment entirely. We predict newspapers and magazines will continue to shrink at average rates of 5% a year between 2015 and 2018, ending with 9% and 5% market shares respectively.

Television is currently the dominant advertising medium, attracting 37% of total spend in 2015. As mentioned earlier, however, we now expect the internet to overtake television to become the largest medium in 2017. We think television's share of the global ad market peaked at 39.5% in 2012, estimate it at 36.9% in 2015, and expect it to fall back to 33.8% by 2018.

#### SHARE OF GLOBAL ADSPEND BY MEDIUM (%)

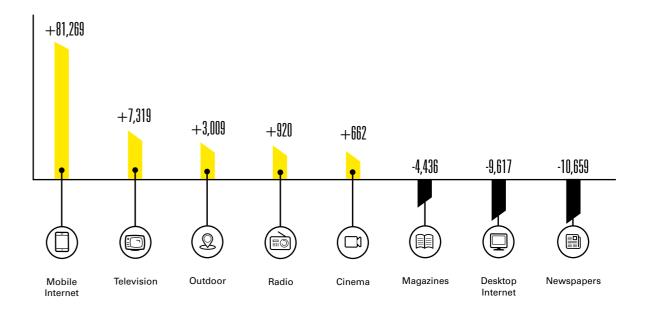


SOURCE: ZENITH

M obile is by some distance the main driver of global adspend growth. We forecast mobile to contribute US\$81 billion in extra adspend between 2015 and 2018 (again excluding markets where we don't have a breakdown by medium). That's more than the US\$68 billion net increase in total adspend over these years – mobile advertising's growth will be counterbalanced by

a US\$11 billion decline in desktop advertising, as advertisers switch budgets to mobile, combined with another US\$11 billion decline from print. Television and outdoor advertising will be the second and third-largest contributors, growing respectively by US\$7 billion and US\$3 billion, while radio and cinema grow by less than US\$1 billion each.

#### CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL GROWTH IN ADSPEND BY MEDIUM 2015-2018 (US\$M)



SOURCE: ZENITH

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ADSPEND FORECASTS | MARKET FOCUS — INDIA



THE RISING FOOTPRINT OF TRADITIONAL MEDIA OFFERS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASS BRANDS TO INCREASE PENETRATION. THE STRENGTH OF DIGITAL MEDIA WILL BE ITS ABILITY TO SELL MORE TARGETED BRANDS TO SOPHISTICATED CONSUMERS. THE IMMINENT MASS ADOPTION OF SMARTPHONES PROMISES TO REVOLUTIONISE BRAND COMMUNICATION.

India is one of the hotspots of global advertising growth, alongside Indonesia and the Philippines, combining large scale and double-digit growth rates. Now that Brazil and Russia are in recession and China is slowing down, India is the one remaining stand-out growth market of the BRICs.

Over the last two years, increased public spending has stimulated higher economic growth, and the fall in oil prices has helped the fiscal deficit remain under control despite this extra spending. This has also given private corporations time to deleverage, and arm themselves for the next round of spending in the Indian economy. However, the balance sheets of public sector banks remain weak and will hamper lending.

The long-delayed GST Constitution bill was passed by Parliament in August, marking a historic step for tax reform in the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said GST was "crucial" for ending "tax terrorism" as well as reducing corruption. If implemented in 2017, a single rate of GST will replace various taxes to ensure seamless transfer of goods and services. This will pave the way for balanced and inclusive economic growth. The last quarter also saw the elections in four states – Assam, West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu – with favourable results for the BJP-led government at the centre, which managed to come to power in Assam for the first time.

The seventh pay commission awarded a 23.5% hike in the salaries and pensions of more than 4.7 million central government employees and 5.3 million pensioners, leading to higher aggregate demand in the economy.

E-commerce is in a pause-and-consolidate phase in India. Leading fashion portal Jabong was acquired by Flipkart-owned Myntra as players seek to consolidate and establish supremacy. In terms of gross merchandize value, local players Flipkart and Snapdeal have declined whereas Amazon has registered phenomenal growth. In yet another industry – the taxi aggregator services – the Didi-Uber deal in China will have implications for the business in India.

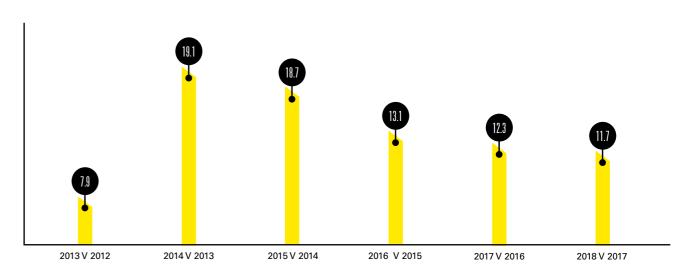
Phase III of radio is being implemented and this has led to new stations being launched across the country. This has propelled some growth of advertising on radio.

Phase III of digitisation of television is also complete, and has led to increased viewing of HD channels as well as among the traditional free-to-air channels. Broadcast houses are launching free-to-air movie channels.

Broader trends reflect an increasing fragmentation and personalization of media with vernacular consumption on the rise across all media.

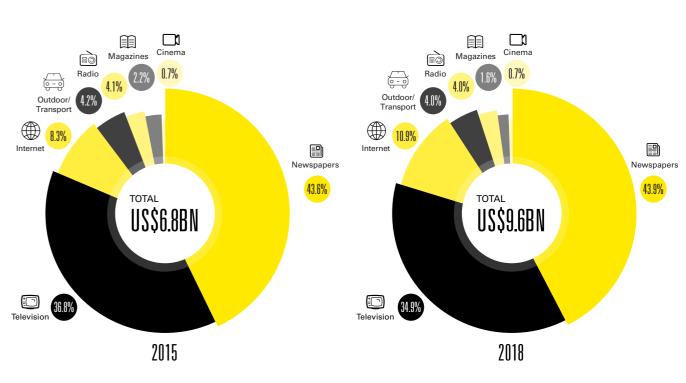
#### ADSPEND IN INDIA

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE AT CURRENT PRICES (%)



SOURCE: ZENITH

#### SHARE OF ADSPEND BY MEDIUM



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## START-UP WATCH



FORTHIS ISSUE WE VISITED THE START-UP VILLAGE AT DMEXCO 2016 IN COLOGNE, WHERE 950 EXHIBITORS AND 50,000 MARKETERS ATTENDED TO SHARE THEIR VISION OF THE NEAR FUTURE OF DIGITAL MARKETING, AMONG 75 YOUNG COMPANIES WE SPOTTED FOUR TRANSFORMATIVE DIGITAL MEDIATRENDS.



Through a novel application of live broadcast reporting and sophisticated web analytics it is now possible to dynamically measure visits and conversions to a brand's website immediately after a broadcast spot airs. French start-up Admo.tv claims to be the first accurate analytics platform to allow advertisers to measure and optimise the online impact of their offline investments in this way, meaning TV and radio may now be planned much like their online counterparts.

sentiance

Converting smartphone sensor data into real-life and real-time behavioural profiles creates many exciting opportunities. By integrating two single lines of tracking code into a mobile app, Sentiance is able to track and aggregate movement and place, and through machine-learning to predict customer routines. This enables everything from targeted push notifications that best fit the context in which they should be received, to the monitoring of regular driving patterns by insurance companies.



Companies like Affectiva from MIT Media Labs are leading the way in using computers to recognise human emotions based on facial cues or physiological responses. This information, which can be gathered by basic webcams, can then be used to understand what content drives the strongest emotional response, which can directly feed campaign planning, since stronger emotional signals can increase desirability, shareability, and even memory encoding.

INFLUENCER.DB

Instagram is rapidly becoming the digital platform of choice for brands to connect with influencers who can promote their products in an authentic way. Ad tech platforms such as Indahash provide an effective means of reaching out to such digital influencers to take part in brand activities. And new analytics tools such as InfluencerDB are improving the monitoring and profiling of influencers to ensure that they are as authoritative as they appear and are followed by the strongest prospects. These platforms continue to advance the maturity of Instagram as a safe place for brands to invest their marketing budgets.

## SHOPPING THE FUTURE



THE DIGITAL FUTURE WAS ON DISPLAY ATTHE IFA CONSUMER ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN. THE BIRTHPLACE OF TELEVISION AS A CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY.

In 1931 the Internationale Funkausstellung Berlin (back then shape to diffract wavelengths of light, and thus change colour known as the Berlin Radio Show) witnessed the world's first public demonstration of the cathode-ray tube: the birth of television. Today the IFA, as it is now known, has grown to 1.645 exhibitors across the consumer electronics and home appliances industry, and is attended by 245,000 visitors over six days.

Around 40% of the attendees are non-trade. Unlike the betterknown trade-only event CES in Las Vegas, 100,000 Europeans attend purely out of curiosity, or in other words to shop the future, and see what's in store. This creates an interesting dynamic on the show floor, where what is in effect 'being sold' (although nothing is for sale) is the brand image of each exhibitor to the public, and the latest products to trade. Technology brands were presented as lifestyle brands.

Exhibitors such as Samsung and Electrolux, Fitbit and Philips showed off new product lines, service layers, and paradigms of human/computer interaction that will shape the future of our modern lives.

The biggest launch was for the Samsung Quantum Dot, a new kind of 'nanopixel' around 50 atoms wide, which can change

- allowing for huge advancements in brightness, colour accuracy and saturation, while reducing power consumption by 20%. This will enable photorealistic screens for all of your devices in future.

SONY's perfect home, designed by UX experts, will have your children playing with projected animations on their bedroom floor. Panasonic sees us living more healthy lives enriched by technologies such as their low humidity fridge, which helps lock in the nutritional value of its contents to reduce food waste. LG have a washing machine so quiet you can build a world record-breaking card tower upon it, and they have proof.

But a threat, which became clear this year, is that many of the technologies shown at IFA do not interoperate with other brands. Consumers will be asked to choose whom they decide to let into their smart homes, whose operating system to run. Marketers, technologists and consumers will face new forms of digital silo for many years to come.



Samsung's Quantum Dot display

**OUR ROUND-UP OF THE RECENT** RESULTS FROM THE DIGITAL MEDIA GIANTS THAT ARE TRANSFORMING GLOBAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION.

#### facebook

**AD REVENUES** YEAR ON YEAR

OF AD REVENUES FROM MOBILE

**GLOBAL** REACH (all internet users) **MARKET** CAP

Facebook now has 1.71 billion active users each month - that's 47% of all the internet users in the world. It has just over one billion active users every day. 1.57 billion Facebook users access it by mobile. Facebook has truly transformed itself into a mobilefirst business, generating 84% of its ad revenues

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Facebook is rapidly become a key platform for online video, generating 8 billion video views a day from 500 million users. It now allows public figures to share live video with their fans, and is integrating video sharing into its Messenger platform. Facebook's 360 Video enables users to view all 360 degrees of a video scene, giving them the ability to pan around the whole scene.

Facebook's virtual reality company Oculus is launching its Oculus Rift equipment to retail in Canada and Europe in September, following its retail launch in the US in May.

#### Google

PAID CLICKS COST PER CLICK YEAR ON YEAR YEAR ON YEAR

**GLOBAL** REACH (all internet users) **MARKET** CAP

Google has completed its restructure and is now a wholly owned subsidiary of holding company Alphabet, concentrating on search and advertising. Alphabet now houses all of the old Google's more experimental projects, such as drone delivery, driverless cars and life extension.

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Google's ad revenues increased 19% year on year in Q2, a strong result it attributes to rapid growth in mobile search (thanks to improved ad formats) and online video revenues from YouTube, especially its TrueView and Google Preferred formats. The number of clicks continues to rise rapidly, but strong competition among publishers and the efficiency of programmatic advertising is forcing down the cost

#### YAHOO!

**REVENUES** YEAR ON YEAR OF AD REVENUES FROM MOBILE

**REACH** 

(all internet users)

**GLOBAL** 

**MARKET** CAP

After years of disappointing investors with weak growth, in July Yahoo finally agreed to a takeover by Verizon, which also acquired AOL in 2015. Verizon will pay US\$4.8bn for Yahoo's main advertising and content operations, but not the more valuable stakes in Yahoo Japan and Alibaba. The takeover is due to complete in the first quarter of 2017.

It is not clear to what degree Yahoo and AOL will work together, but it is likely that some or all of their operations will be merged, to reduce shared costs and strengthen their combined negotiation position.



YEAR ON YEAR

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**GLOBAL** REACH (all internet users) **MARKET** CAP

Twitter now has 313 million active users per month, up 3% year on year. This has exacerbated analysts' concerns that user growth is stalling. Twitter has invested in premium video content, including live-streaming of NFL American football matches, to attract new users and take advantage of fastgrowing demand for video advertising.

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Twitter has launched several new features for advertisers. These includes video auto-play on all devices, support for new targeting options and creative formats, and improved optimisation and bidding for performance buys.

Source for global reach: GlobalWebIndex

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## ANDROID INVASION

#### MARKETING IMPERATIVES

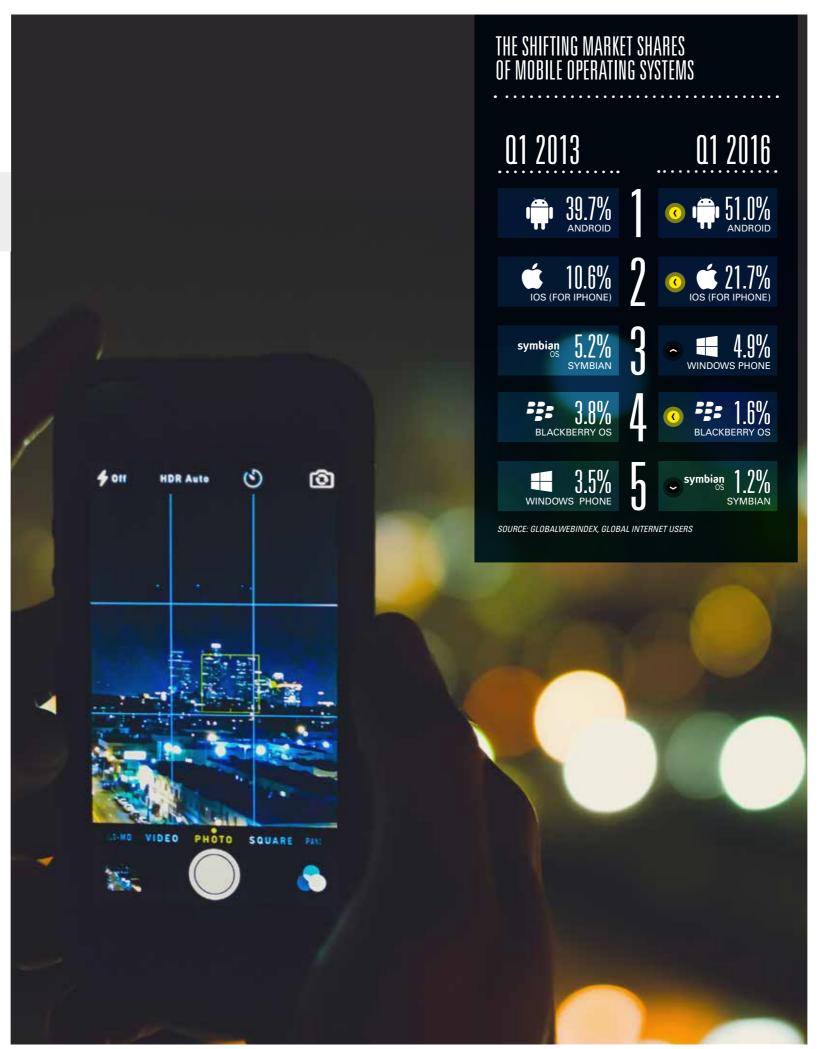
- iPhones are popular in the marketing industry, but most of your customers don't use them.
- •When planning for mobile you should think Android first

n Q1 2016 Android had by far the largest market share of any mobile operating system – 51.0%, compared to iOS's 21.7%, and substantially more than its 39.7% share three years earlier. Google has established this remarkable market dominance by integrating closely with handset manufacturers and providing them with a high-quality OS that users enjoy for the very reasons that they don't like iOS: personalisation. Google's recent Android campaigns further press on this point: "Be together, not the same", a great way to bring their product experience to life.

Consumers who prefer consistent user experience to personalisation, however, have helped iOS double its market share over the past three years, to 21.7% in Q1 2016.

The chart also illustrates the demise of Symbian, the legacy mobile OS used by Nokia, Sony Ericsson and a number of Japanese mobile phone manufacturers, which has been eclipsed by the growth of Android. Microsoft would have loved to take its market share through its acquisition of Nokia, but by that time the OS was already in decline.

Windows OS has not managed to pass the 5% market share mark despite the company's best efforts to counter both iOS and Android. From a consumer point of view, this is likely due to the low number of apps on Windows phones. From an industry point of view, it has been outcompeted by the colossal advertising budgets deployed by Apple, Samsung, Google and HTC over the past three years.



#### THE MOBILE DEVICES CONSUMERS WANT

A pple remains the most desired handset brand – the iPhone is still considered a 'higher tier' device, luxury or even aspirational. Apple consumers are also an extremely loyal customer base – around 90% of iPhone users claimed they would get a new iPhone rather than one of the competitor's devices.

Android has expanded faster than Apple at the lower end of the smartphone market. This will become particularly interesting when the use of smartphones in developing nations increases.

Apple does not play as much as Google in the data game, it focuses on selling its devices instead. This is why its product still has a premium cost in comparison to the cheaper devices in the Google ecosystem. High OS penetration gives Google market share and cross-device identification – something Apple can only do probabilistically, but then it is not as invested as Google in the advertising business.

#### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING MOBILE BRANDS WOULD YOU DEFINITELY CONSIDER PURCHASING?



SOURCE: GLOBALWEBINDEX, GLOBAL INTERNET USERS, Q1 2016

## THE RISE AND RISE OF NATIVE CONTENT

AS AD DOLLARS MOVING FROM TV TO DIGITAL MEET THE ADBLOCKING JUGGERNAUT COMING THE OTHER WAY, IT'S BECOMING CLEAR THAT NATIVE CONTENT IS THE FUTURE

N ative content is branded copy, images and video that are clearly marked as sponsored, but otherwise indistinguishable from the other content on a site. And it is taking an ever greater share of advertising and creative budgets. Fully 40% of publishers expect to see over a quarter of their revenue coming from native content, according to VentureBeat.

Two years ago, we were talking about how much more time people were spending online and on their mobiles while advertising spend lingered on print and digital. The challenge that brands were facing was that for all the hours people were spending online, there was a shortage of really effective ways to communicate to them. On mobile, in particular, ads were too often either invisible or annoying.

And that's where native has come in. IAB research has shown that audiences don't care whether the content they encounter comes from a brand. They do care if it's low quality. And they really care if it's wrong for the editorial context.

Fortunately, with Buzzfeed and other digital-first media owners leading the charge, online publishers have created a remarkable ecosystem of opportunities to reach their audiences with content that people actually want to consume. And because it matches so precisely the formats of the publisher sites, it's all immune to ad blockers.

And the creative landscape has changed as well. Social media makers have banded together into networks that offer brands access to their audiences and their artistry simultaneously. Publishers are giving brands access to their own journalists and designers to create content that perfectly matches their editorial. The question now is not whether to get into to native advertising, but how soon and how much.





DIGITAL CHANNELS | PROGRAMMATIC

### THE PROGRAMMATIC FUTURE

#### MARKETING IMPERATIVES

- The answer to improved ROI is harnessing the potential of advanced targeting and tracking.
- Advanced targeting can help deliver relevant brand experiences at each stage of the consumer journey.
- This means that the right data has to be collected, tracked and shared

The staggering growth of programmatic advertising over the past year has made it a central component of the media ecosystem – so much so that Zenith predicts 60% of all display ads will be programmatic in 2016.

Programmatic has long been considered a powerful and efficient communications vehicle for Publicis Groupe, and the organization has worked hard to develop best-in-class offerings for its clients. For example, our programmatic media buying practice, Audience On Demand® (AOD), was the first of its kind in the industry.

Last year we embarked on another first, by dismantling the 'trading desk' model and integrating programmatic planning and buying into the core media agencies, bringing them closer to our clients. The result is that all agency staff will have as much knowledge of programmatic as other disciplines and media. It has also equipped us like never before to marry online and offline intelligence, and optimise consumer engagement across all touchpoints.

The programmatic marketplace is dynamic and needs constant reassessment, but four areas of focus will define 2016 for programmatic marketers.

#### PROGRAMMATIC IS PREMIUM

Programmatic is about all media, of all ranges of quality – the days when it was just about remnant inventory are long past. Major publishers and broadcasters have publicly committed to automated trading. CNN, Reuters, FT, The Economist and The Guardian have created a consortium (Pangea) to leverage their audience data through a central programmatic exchange. Other consortia include La Place Media in France, SouthernX in Africa and Apex in Australia. AOL in the US has changed its strategy from content to ad technology: its ONE platform allows advertisers to optimise their ad campaigns across channels including video, display, and television.

#### RISE OF THE VIDEO STAR

Over 30% of all video was traded programmatically in 2015. Recent acquisitions by large publishers (BrightRoll by Yahoo, LiveRail by Facebook and Adapt.tv by AOL) demonstrates serious investment in video. These publishers are not looking to expand their share of existing digital display budgets, but are rather making a play for TV budgets that are shifting to digital. There is also potential to roll these platforms into existing trading deals, empowering us to properly re-shape the planning and execution of video budgets across the whole supply chain.

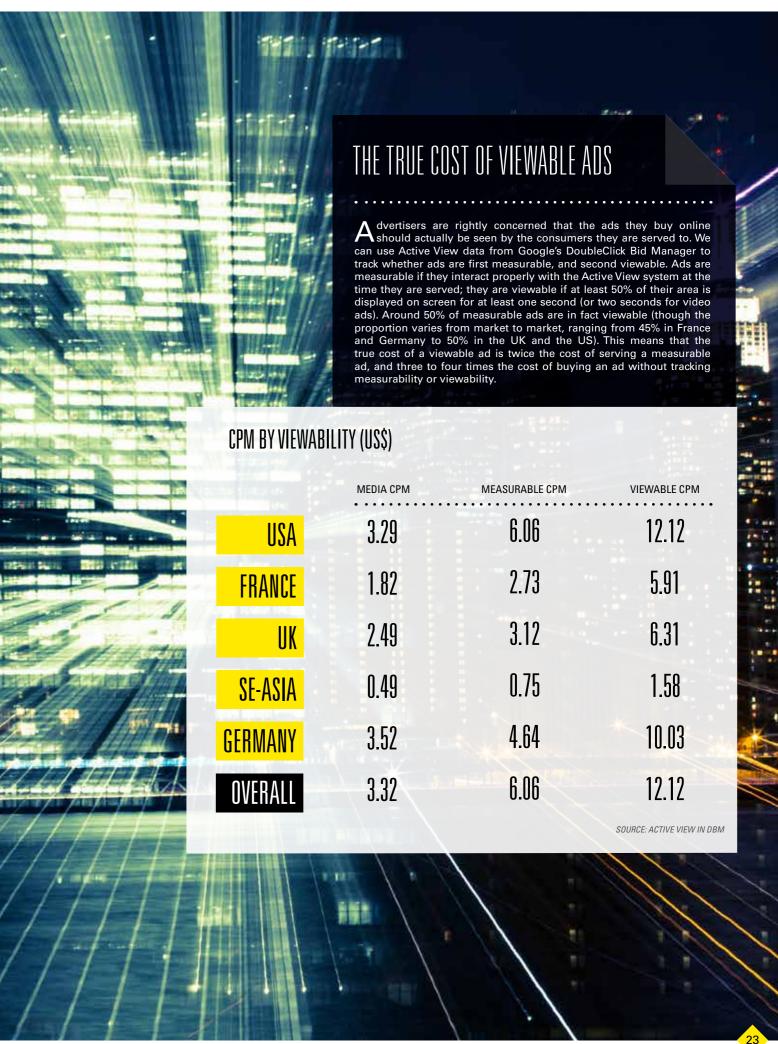
#### HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL OF DATA

New technology and data management platforms (DMPs) allow advertisers to control their audiences at the centre and decide to execute either globally or at the local level, and to make the most of their disparate data sets and generate much richer analytics and insights. The challenge is to link DMPs to advertisers' CRM platforms, which require internal stakeholders to buy in to the process and provide access to data.

#### THE WORLD GOES PROGRAMMATIC

**S**o what's next for programmatic advertising? TV, radio and digital out-of-home are all experimenting with the capabilities offered by programmatic advertising. Time Inc. has announced a platform to allow advertisers to purchase print ads programmatically via a DSP based on audience data. Strategy Analytics predicts – perhaps ambitiously – that 20% of US linear TV will be traded programmatically by 2018.

The Internet of Things is the next frontier. Our connected devices will generate multiple streams of data about each of us, and technology will combine this data into a seamless whole. Every communication will be personal, instead of on the basis of something as general as watching the Super Bowl. We are moving to a world of very sophisticated CRM, facilitated through technology and apps rather than address databases, traded programmatically.



DIGITAL CHANNELS | SEARCH

## THE EVOLUTION OF SEARCH

#### **MARKETING IMPERATIVES**

- Search is bigger than Google: marketplaces and merchants are as important to your search strategy.
- Now that mobile takes the majority of searches, the way people search has changed. This, combined with new search technology, opens the door to new types of search campaign involving location, automation and retargeting.
- The landing page has to reflect these changes. Search is only the start of a journey. Content is what converts.

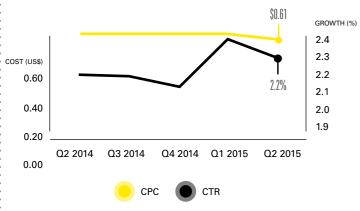
#### ANNUAL DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH FOR PAID SEARCH

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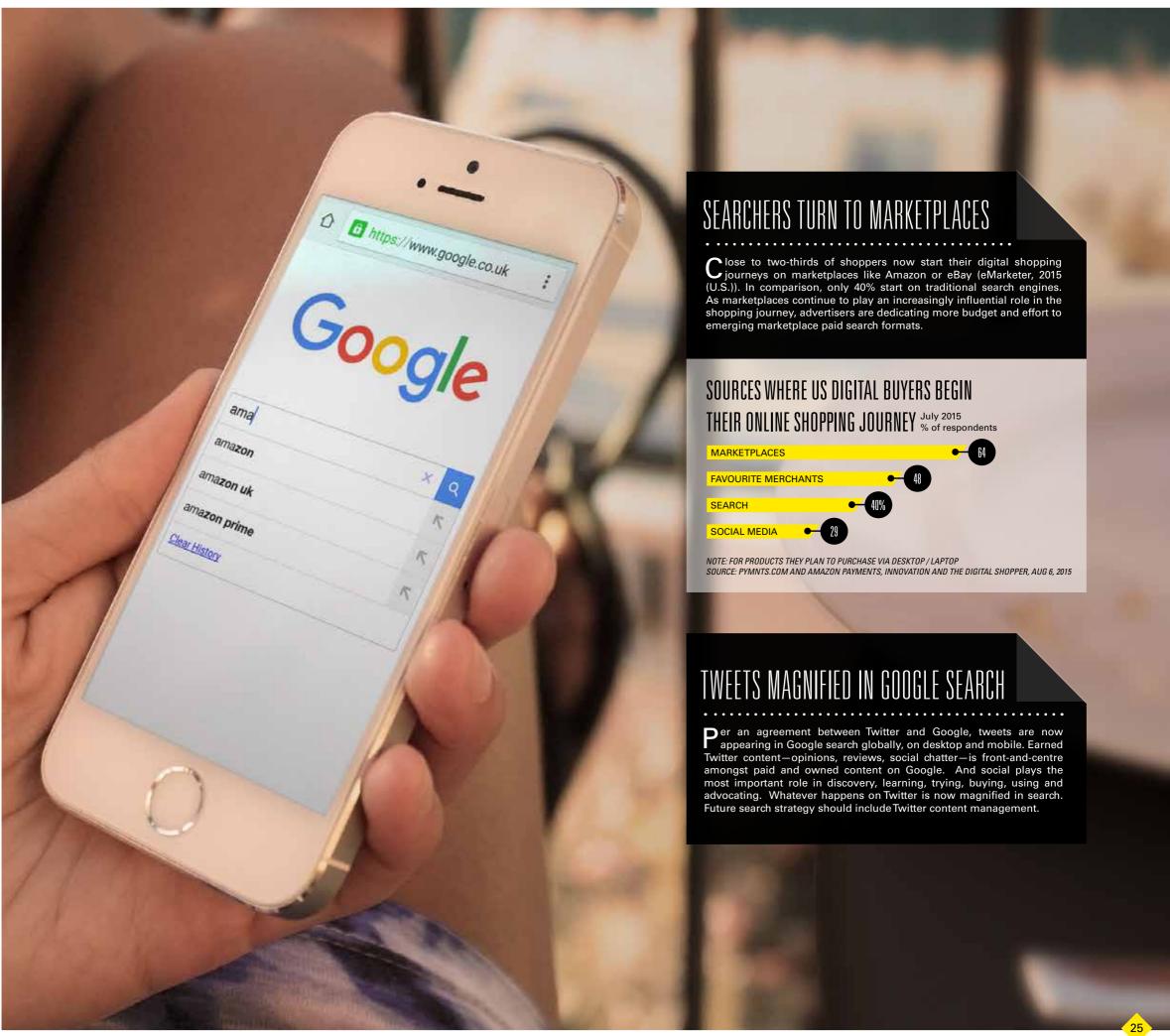
Zenith expects global paid search spend to enjoy double-digit growth for the next three years. This consistent growth will be fueled by (1) user expectation for relevant mobile and local content, (2) automation and scale of advanced search capabilities (like remarketing) and (3) the emergence of nascent paid search formats and applications, like Amazon paid search.

#### SEARCH CPCS (COSTS-PER-CLICK) REMAIN STABLE

Global search CPCs fell 5% year-on-year in Q2 2015. This slight decrease is driven by mobile, which has historically enjoyed lower CPCs than desktop. As advertisers dedicate more paid search budget to mobile, overall (mobile + desktop) CPCs have fallen.



#### **Performics**



## IN FOCUS: AUTOMOTIVE

#### MARKETING IMPERATIVES

- Owned touchpoints are some of the most effective for automotive brands, but account for less of the consumer's experience with the automotive category than paid and earned touchpoints.
- Brands have the opportunity to unlock a competitive advantage over their rivals by prioritising their owned touchpoints.
- Brands shouldn't concentrate solely on communicating with potential buyers: the opinions of other people that they trust about automotive brands are highly influential in their ultimate purchasing decision.

Automotive advertisers will spend about US\$45bn on advertising across the world in 2016, and sell about 90 million vehicles. They are among the most prominent advertisers, including three of the six largest advertisers in the world, according to Advertising Age's latest survey of global marketers.

Over the last few years the number of ways that advertisers can communicate with potential customers has exploded, thanks to the revolution in digital and mobile technology. It is vital to understand which of these 'touchpoints' are most likely to reach potential consumers, and which are most likely to influence buying decisions. This is what Publicis Media's Touchpoints ROI Tracker tool tells us.

The charts opposite show the Brand Experience scores that Touchpoints assigns to different types of contact for the automotive category, based on two factors: the likelihood that consumers will associate brands in that category with that touchpoint, and how effective that touchpoint is at influencing consumers' buying decisions in the category.

We've divided the touchpoints into three different types: the place and method of communication; whether the medium is paid (e.g. advertising), owned (e.g. brand websites, packaging) or earned (e.g. consumer advocacy on social media); and whether it is offline or online.

The automotive category is dominated by mass media, which accounts for 41% of brand experience. Point-of-sale touchpoints are least important, accounting for just 9%. 41% of experience also comes from paid media, while earned (31%) and owned (28%) lag behind. Offline media provide 2.5 times more brand experience than online media.

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#### Touchpoint ROI Trackers

Based on consumer research, Touchpoints ROI Tracker is Publicis Media's brand contact measurement and planning tool. Since 2004 a total of 944 Touchpoints projects have been completed across 62 countries, comprising 854,968 consumer interviews that provide contact point metrics for 12,544 brands in 303 product and service categories. The data from all projects are stored in a single internet-accessible database. This database provides normative and trend data for over 180 touchpoints.

### HOW TOUCHPOINTS INFLUENCE PURCHASE DECISIONS

n the automotive category, the most influential touchpoints – those that influence purchase decision the most each time a consumer is exposed to them – are owned by the advertiser: the test drive and after-sales service. Coming close behind these are friends and family recommendations and expert recommendations. And simply seeing a car brand on the road has a high influence on brand choice.

Paid touchpoints, likeTV and magazine ads, have lower influence per exposure, but are typically able to reach more consumers, more quickly, and at a lower cost than 'owned' and 'earned' touchpoints

The most important online touchpoints for automotive brands are comparison websites, brand websites and consumer opinion sites.

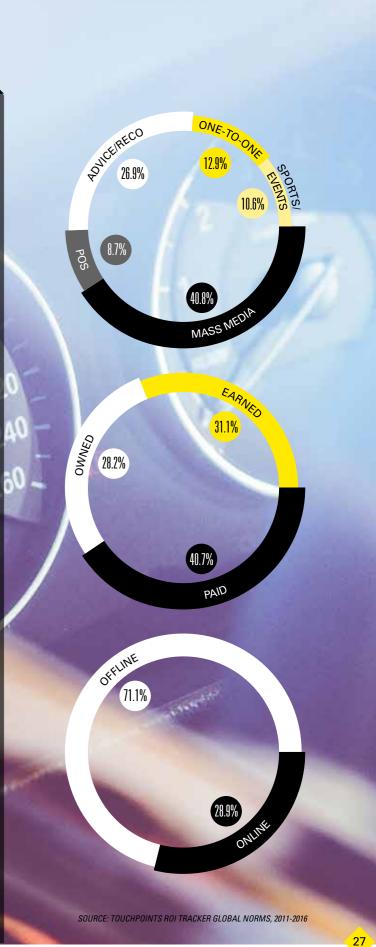
#### TOUCHPOINTS THAT HAVE THE MOST INFLUENCE ON AUTO PURCHASE DECISIONS

TOTAL		66
PAID	59	7
OWNED		71
EARNED		75

TEST DRIVE	87
AFTER SALES SERVICE	86
FRIENDS / FAMILY RECO	85
COMPARISON WEBSITES	84
EXPERT RECO	84
DEALERSHIP	84
BRAND WEBSITE	84
SEEING OTHERS WITH BRAND	83
INDEPENDENT REVIEW	83
SEMINARS /TRADE FAIRS	81
BROCHURE /TRADE FAIRS	79
INSTORE FLYERS / CATALOGUE	77
CONS OPINION SITE / BLOGS	77
RELEVANT WEBSITES	75
TV ADS	75
DISPLAY IN PUBLIC AREA	74
SPECIALIST MAGAZINE ADS	73
RETAILER WEBSITES	72
PRINT ARTICLES	72
INTERNET SEARCH	71

SOURCE: TOUCHPOINTS ROI TRACKER GLOBAL NORMS, 2011-2015





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#### MARKETING IMPERATIVES

- Luxury auto brands have a strong advantage in social media: consumers love to be associated with them and interact with them
- Brands should however monitor how their social media activity translates to their commercial goals by tracking effectiveness metrics, otherwise they risk attracting lots of fans but few buyers.

acebook now has 1.6 billion users across the world, Instagram has 400 million and Twitter has 320 million. Social media has true mass reach, and can be a vital tool for communicating with – and learning from – potential customers.

The charts below show the number of fans/followers for the top five automotive brand pages on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. Facebook is the key social platform for automotive, with many times more fans for each of the brands than the other platforms.

Luxury car brands attract the highest numbers of fans/followers across all platforms, with Mercedes-Benz and BMW leading the category, and prominent positions for Audi, Ferrari and Porsche.

## THE AUTOMOTIVE BRANDS THAT LEAD THE WAY ON FACEBOOK

A small number of brands lead the automotive category in social media, with many more fans and interactions than the other brands in the category.

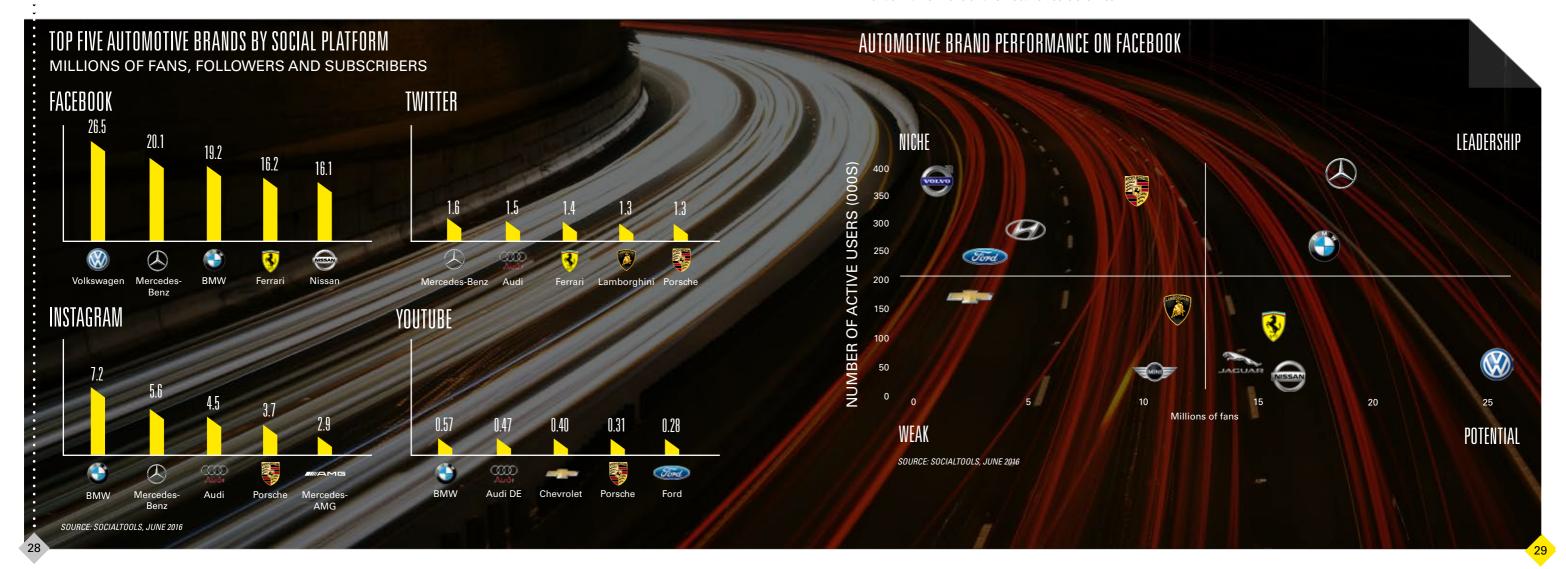
The chart below looks at some of the top automotive brands on Facebook. It plots the number of their Facebook fans against the number of their active users in June 2016. Facebook filters each user's newsfeed to show them only the posts it considers most relevant to them, so the fact that a user has liked a page is no guarantee that they will see any of its posts, let along be influenced by them. The number of active users is a much more useful guide to fans' interactions with a brand page. This refers to the number of users that have liked or commented on a post, or made their own post, on a brand's page.

Brands with high numbers of both fans and active users are the category leaders; they are the brands worth learning from. Brands with many fans but few active users have potential that they are not currently making the most of. Brands with few fans but many active users are successful niche specialists, while brands with few fans and few active users are weak.



#### **Socialtools**

Socialtools is Publicis Media's proprietary social content performance tracking tool. Socialtools is currently tracking the daily performance of 96,000 pages across five social platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn), providing evaluation of the effectiveness of social content for brands and their competitors in 167 countries. Socialtools charts show performance trends across a wide variety of social engagement metrics. The brand performance data, norms and rankings provide insights into social media best practices for brands in 19 macros categories and 104 categories.



## RECENT REPORTS AND FORECASTS FROM ZENITH

Zenith regularly publishes reports and forecasts about advertising and media around the world. Here's a selection of reports published in recent months. If you're interested in any of these, or would like to discuss Zenith's full range of reports, please email Jonathan.Barnard@zenithmedia.com.

#### ADVERTISING EXPENDITURE FORECASTS SEPTEMBER 2016

The advertising forecasts at the beginning of this magazine are taken from the September 2016 edition of our Advertising Expenditure Forecasts report. This report has been published continually since 1987, and is issued every three months. It examines trends in advertising expenditure by medium in 81 markets across the world, with forecast to 2018, providing insight into how advertising markets are adapting to new technology and new business practices, and how local developments shape budgeting decisions.

#### ONLINE VIDEO FORECASTS 2016

The second edition of this report was published in July 2016. It examines online video expenditure and consumption in 58 countries around the world from 2012 to 2015, with forecasts to 2018. It discusses the main players in each market, explores the different formats of online video advertising and the extent to which they are used to complement or supplant traditional linear TV. We also take a look at what type of content is being viewed, and how it is being viewed, and how advertisers are making use of owned content.

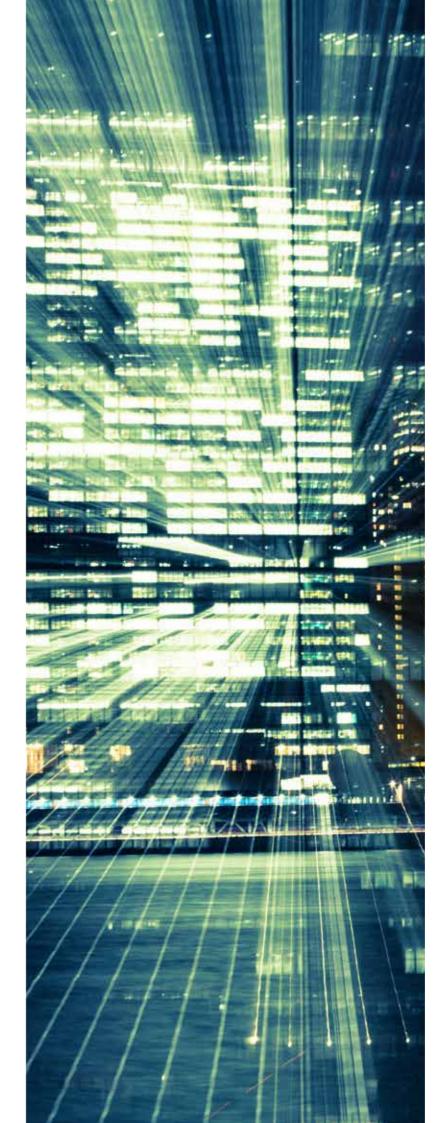
#### MEDIA CONSUMPTION FORECASTS 2016

This is the second edition of this report, and was published in June 2016. The report surveys changing patterns of media consumption, and assesses how the amount of time people allocate to different media will change between 2016 and 2018. The report looks at the amount of time spent reading newspapers and magazines, watching television, listening to the radio, visiting the cinema, using the internet, and viewing outdoor advertising while out of the home. This edition covers 71 countries across the world, up from 65 last year.

#### THIRTY RISING MEDIA MARKETS 2016

This new report, published in February 2016, looks at a selection of 30 up-and-coming markets for the first time, comparing the growth of advertising expenditure with the wider economy. These advertising markets are developing quickly and are starting to rival the scale of some of the established 81 markets we cover in our regular Advertising Expenditure Forecasts. They vary widely in population, openness to international business, economic activities, productivity, and geography. What they share is that their economies are growing rapidly in the long run, and that their advertising markets are growing even faster.





## ABOUT ZENITH

Zenith is The ROI Agency. The first agency to apply a rigorous and objective approach to improving the effectiveness of marketing spend, Zenith transforms businesses and brands through evidence-led thinking. Zenith is part of Publicis Media, one of four solution hubs within Publicis Groupe [Euronext Paris FR0000130577, CAC40], and has offices within Publicis One. As a leading global media services network, Zenith has over 5,000 people working across 95 markets. Supported by Publicis Media's Global Practices, Zenith offers its clients a full range of integrated skills across communications planning, value optimisation, performance media, content creation and data & analytics. We work with some of the world's leading global brands including Aviva, Coty, Kering, Lactalis, L'Oréal, LVMH, Nestlé, Nomad Foods, Oracle, RB, SCA, Sanofi, Toyota and 21st Century Fox.

