Leading Asia-Pacific Airline: Pricing Innovation

Client context

Approach

Impact

Client description

- Leading, innovative Asia-Pacific airline
- Leading airline in domestic market, with significant presence in regional and long-haul routes
- Leading airline from commercial expertise perspective, across P&RM, sales, and other topics

Challenges

- Saw innovation and disruption occurring in consumer market (e.g. Amazon, Uber) and worried that eventually similar disruption could occur in airlines
- Dissatisfaction from domestic customers on large price differential that can occur for same flight
- Wants to stay ahead of potential disruption by innovating new pricing offerings

Objective

 Explore a more "customer-centric" pricing model that would maintain RASK but help "disrupt" the market

Client name: X Team set-up: X Fees Structure: X

- Collect case examples and trends from across airlines and outside airlines
 - Developed a pre-read pack of innovative pricing options, e.g. Uber, Delta, Amazon, AT&T Disneyland, Best Buy, Starbucks and SPG
 - Provided more than 30 use cases as thoughtgenerators and to facilitate a workshop with key stakeholders to decide on a short-list for further investigation
- Setup a collision workshop
 - Explored and evaluated trends across industries
 - More than 200 ideas were generated over 16 themes
 - 17 ideas were built out to advanced state of details
 - 8 detailed concepts were conceived with leaders identified and tangible follow-up actions mapped out
- Synthesized findings, including development of team for rapid prototyping of a specific solution

What was unique: X

- Developed 8 new pricing innovations around 5 themes, including
 - Subscription models
 - Lower fares with trade-off
- Improved customer experience
- Improved transparency
- Explored new business models
- Initial concept launched to explore subscription and bulk buying models
- Plan to introduce more solutions and scale