

# Quarterly TR Shopping Trends Report

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# Methodology

# About m1nd-set

The worldwide leader in travel market research

m1nd-set, founded in 2007, is the worldwide leading agency in travel research, based in Switzerland. Our key sector of activity is **travel retail**, **airline**, and **airport** research & consulting.

m1nd-set has conducted **over 1.500 qualitative and quantitative research studies** around the world, and has successfully provided marketing intelligence to over 95% of the leading brands in Travel Retail.



m1nd-set is the **leading research agency in the area of air travel**, with the special strength of providing their clients with tailor-made research, analysis, actionable results and recommendations.



With airside access to over 60 airports worldwide, m1nd-set can easily reach international air travellers.



We have conducted **more than 2 Mio interviews over the last 10 years** with travelers at airports around the globe.



Among other projects, m1nd-set runs the **Airs@t survey** (in partnership with IATA) which is recognized as the **industry benchmark** of air passengers satisfaction.

# Scope of the Report

## CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR

This report presents the **main trends in Travel Retail consumer behaviour.**



## DF CATEGORIES

In this report, the results are shown for **DF Overall**.

## TIME PERIOD

The focus is on **Q2 2025 data**, but previous periods are also shown - dating back to 2017.

## REPORT FOCAL POINT

The main focus is on **International Airport Travellers**.

# Methodology

## Data Collected through m1nd-set's B1S tracking survey

Current sample of over 200,000 respondents.

Covering the main regions, categories and sub-categories, and on-going since early 2016.

### RECRUITMENT & DATA COLLECTION

UP TO Q1 2020 (PRE COVID-19)

**FACE-TO-FACE RECRUITMENT** followed by self-completed tablet or online interviews (at the airport or directly after flying).

AS OF Q1 2021 (POST COVID-19)

**ONLINE RECRUITMENT** using our database of international travellers

- ✓ In Q2 2020 fieldwork was put on hold for several months due to the covid-19 outbreak, which means that for the year 2020 we only cover the first quarter. Given that the situation lasted longer than anticipated, we have restarted fieldwork anyway in Q1 2021, recruiting respondents online.
- ✓ Quotas by nationalities are defined based on **traffic data**, to represent the key nationalities that have been travelling during the relevant period of time.



ONGOING  
INTERVIEWING  
(quarterly, to fully capture seasonality aspects).



**CROSS-CATEGORY** The first part of the survey covers generic aspects, the second part is category based (for each category visited / purchased by respondents).



**15 MINUTES** questionnaire on average

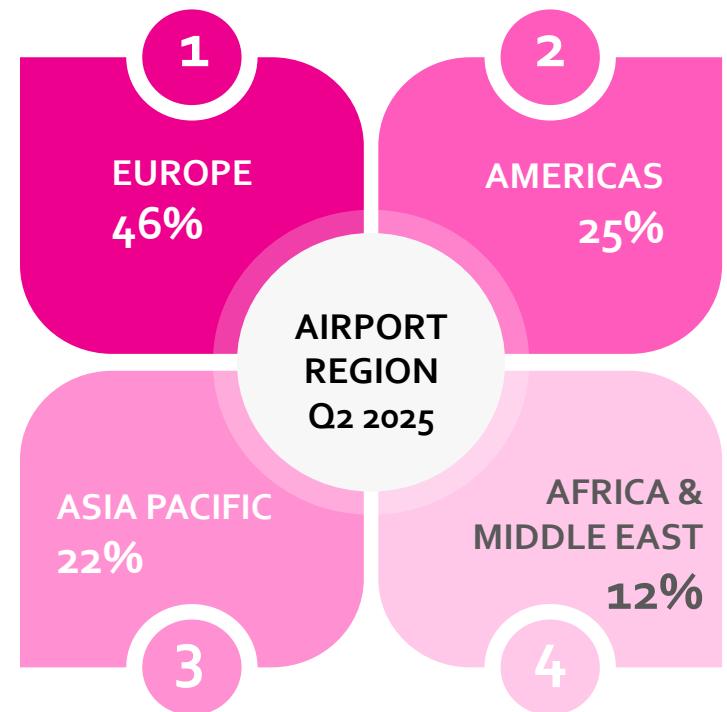


**TRANSLATED** into the 10 top languages

# Sample Sizes

## TOTAL TRAVELLERS

Focusing on *adult travellers, from key travelling nationalities, at key airports.*





# Duty Free Overall

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TRAVELLERS

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# TR Shopping Trends: Q2 2025 (1/3)

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## FOOTFALL, CONVERSION & SHOPPING RATES

- † In Q2 2025, duty-free **footfall remains stable** compared to previous periods. **The purchase rate** has been **driven** by **strong conversion**, though it has slightly declined this quarter.
- † After reaching its lower point in Q1 2025, **spending has jumped back up in Q2 2025**.
- † ASPAC shows the strongest intent with the highest conversion despite lower traffic. Europe leads in footfall, but purchase rates stay flat across regions.

#2

## DRIVERS TO VISIT THE DF SHOP

- † Travelers are primarily drawn to **browse** duty-free stores motivated by the **promotions they provide** and **the opportunity to pass time**.
- † In MEA, travellers are more likely to mention attractive DF stores and price advantage as main reasons to visit.

#3

## DF CATEGORIES PURCHASED & SHARE OF WALLET

- † In Q2 2025, the **top 3 categories purchased** remain **Perfumes, Confectionery** and **Alcohol**.
- † **Perfumes** continues to benefit from the **highest share of wallet**. The categories on which travellers **spend the most** on average are **Jewellery & Watches** and **Electronics**.

# TR Shopping Trends: Q2 2025 (2/3)

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## DF APPEAL FACTORS & CHOICE DRIVERS

- † The main reasons travelers prefer airport duty-free over shopping at home or online are **lower prices** and **convenience**, followed by a **wider assortment selection**.

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## PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

- † In Q2 2025, **personal consumption** remains **the primary purchase driver**, accounting for **over half of duty-free sales**. **Gifting has stabilized** and remains **the second-largest category**. Purchases for sharing have increased since 2021, while those made on request have remained stable.
- † Gifting is notably higher in MEA.

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## PLANNING OF PURCHASE AND TOUCH POINTS

- † Most duty-free buyers **plan their purchases to some extent**, often **without a specific product or brand in mind**. In addition, **impulse buyers** is stabilizing. This leads to a significant share of shoppers who make the **final purchase decision in-store**, and is therefore particularly attentive to **experiential retail**.
- † The Americas are more likely to be undecided in their planning.
- † Most travelers begin considering their purchases **before leaving for the airport**. However, **decision-making at the airport** and **en route** has been stable, **emphasizing the need for consistent communication throughout the journey**.
- † **Exposure to touchpoints** is still stable. Information delivered in the Travel Retail environment remain therefore key.

# TR Shopping Trends: Q2 2025 (3/3)

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## INTERACTION WITH SALES STAFF

- † Sales staff are becoming more crucial. More than half of visitors interact with staff and this interaction results in three quarters being influenced in their purchase.
- † These two indicators are especially significant in the Americas.
- † The main reasons for interaction is because they need help locating products and tailored advice, whereas some visitors choose not to interact because they prefer to shop independently.

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## OTHER ASPECTS INFLUENCING DF PURCHASES

- † The significance of the in-store experience is reinforced by duty-free shoppers' openness to discovery and their eagerness for unique assortments. In Q2 2025, around two-thirds of shoppers purchased a product in duty-free for the first time, and opted for unique or duty-free exclusive items. ASPAC is particularly open to promotions and DF exclusives.
- † Close to two thirds of DF shoppers have high expectations to find eco-friendly products when shopping in Duty-Free.

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## ONLINE PRE-ORDERING

- † The share of travellers interested in using DF online pre-ordering services is much higher than the share of those aware of them. Among buyers, only a minority actually uses online pre-ordering services.

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## BARRIERS TO DF PURCHASES

- † No intention of buying, unwillingness to carry more items and higher prices vs home are the main barriers to purchase in the DF store. The two latter barriers are especially dominant in MEA.

DF OVERALL



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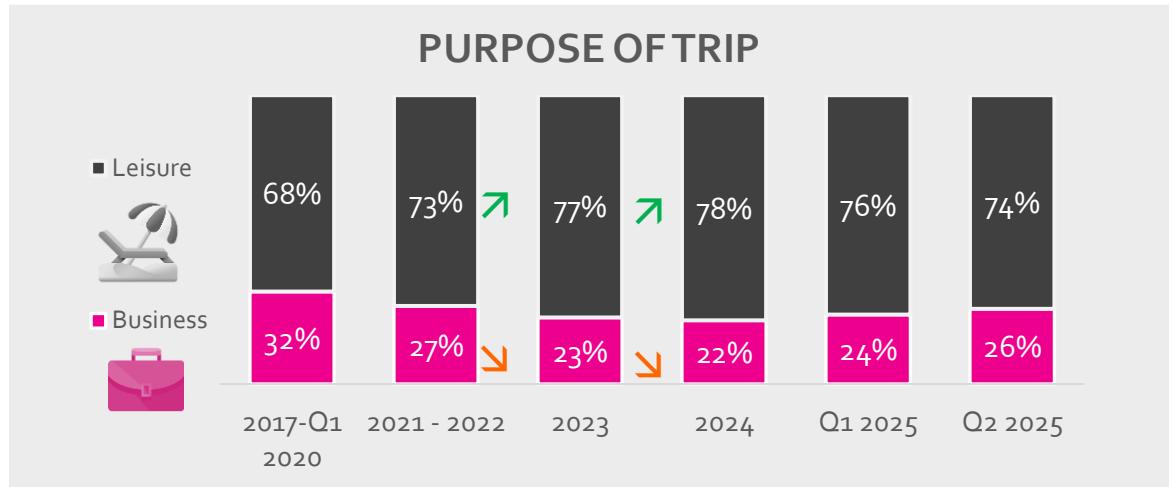
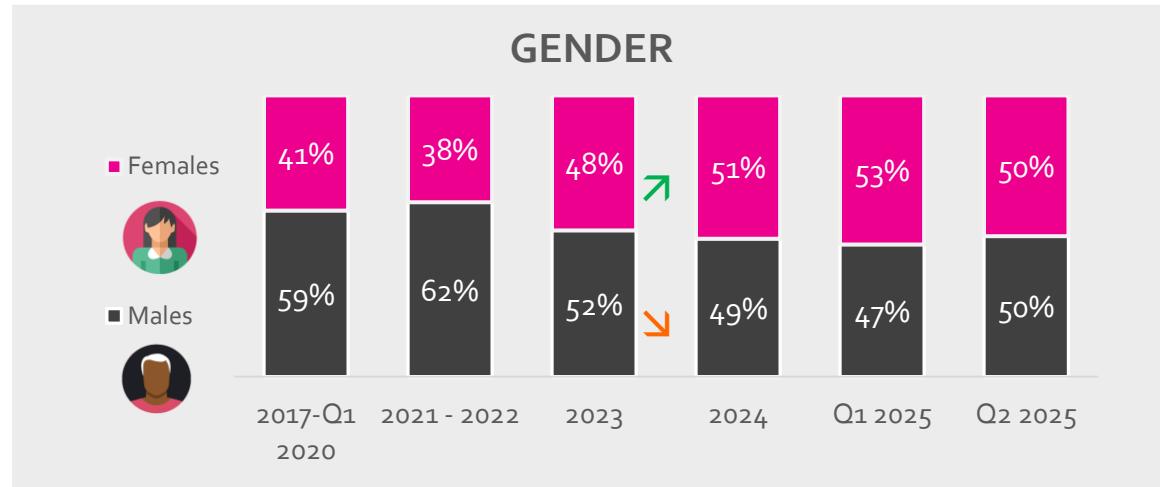
What is the profile of all travellers  
in Q2 2025?

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# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

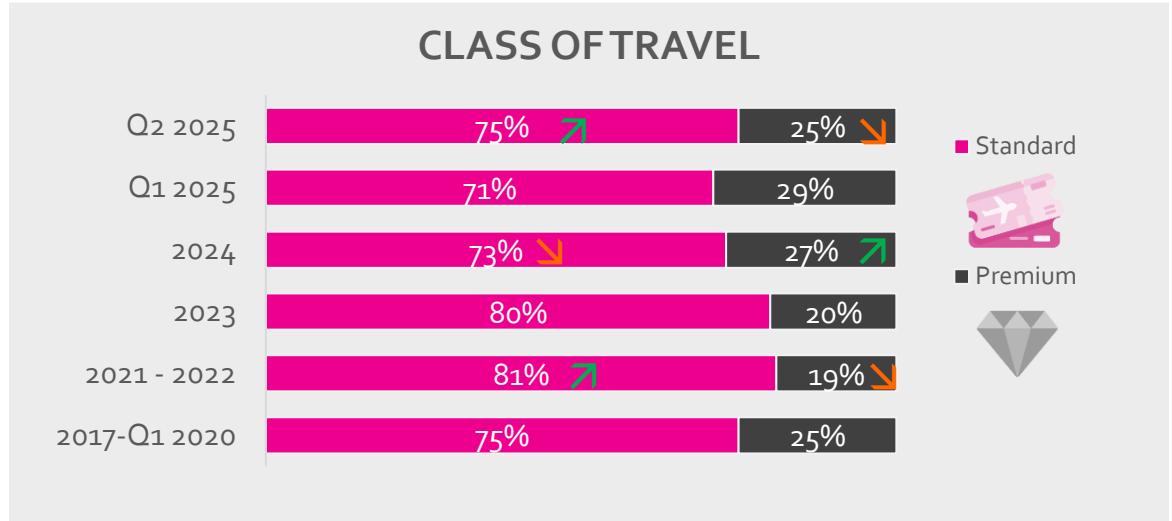
## ALL TRAVELLERS – TRENDS

Travelers are more gender-balanced and younger, with a growing share of Millennials. Standard class travel increased in Q2 2025.



AGE	2017-Q1 2020	2021 – 2022	2023	2024*	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Gen Z	5%	9%	12%	11%	15%	12%
Millennials	16%	30%	25%	29%	37%	41%
Gen X	45%	50%	42%	43%	35%	33%
Boomers +	34%	11%	22%	16%	13%	14%
<b>Avg age (y.o.)</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>39 </b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>

Age group definition updated in Q3 2024. Before: Gen Z (18-24); Millennials (25-34); Gen X (35-54); Boomers+ (55+)!  
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# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

ALL TRAVELLERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

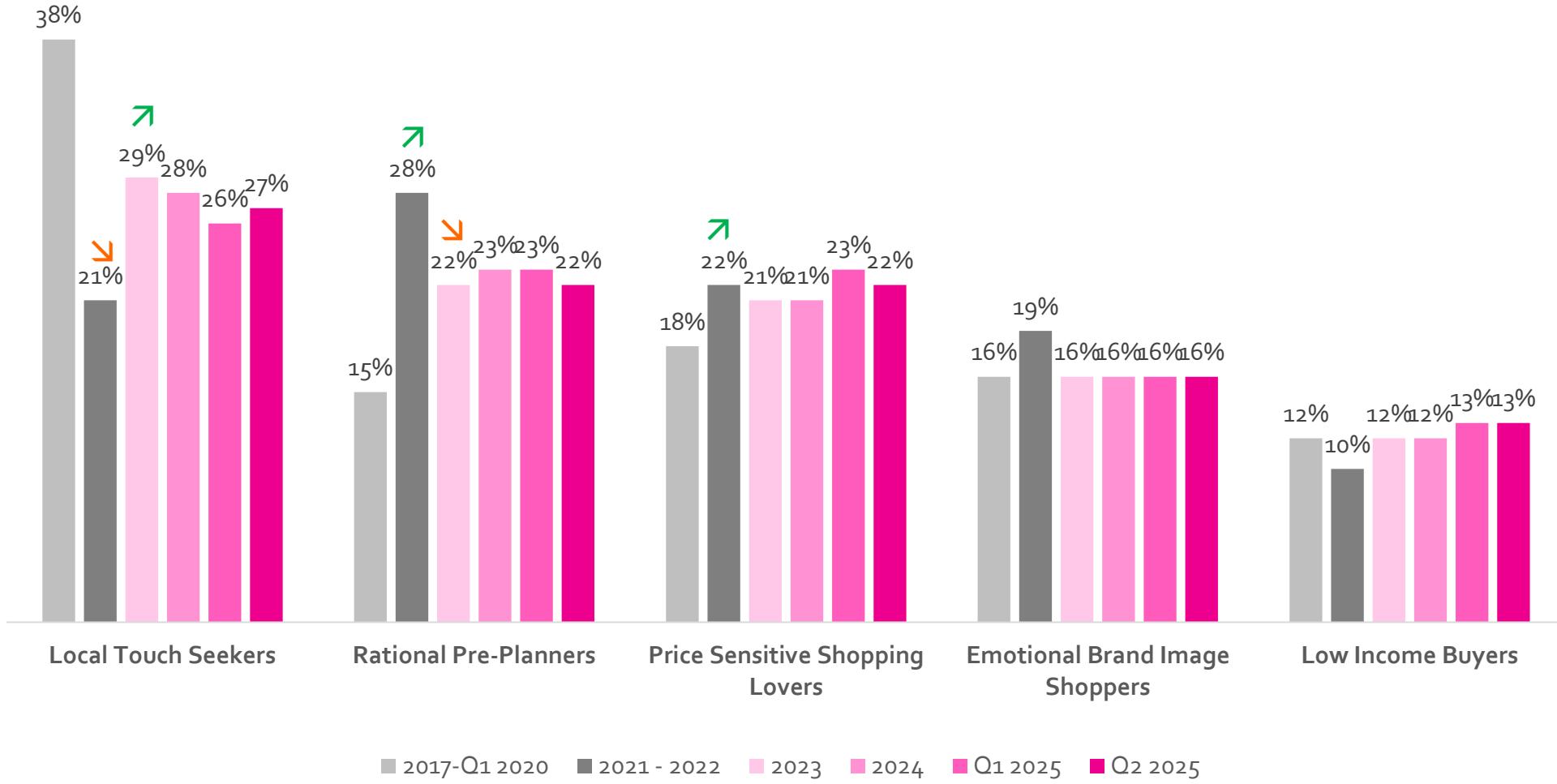


Asia Pacific stands out with a higher share of male travelers and lower female representation, while Millennials dominate across all regions, especially in MEA.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
GENDER	Males	50%	48%	50%	55%
	Females	50%	52%	50%	45%
Gen Z		12%	14%	12%	13%
Millennials		41%	43%	38%	42%
AGE	Gen X		33%	32%	34%
	Boomers +		14%	12%	15%
Avg. age		43 y.o.	43 y.o.	43 y.o.	44 y.o.
TRAVEL PURPOSE	Leisure	74%	73%	74%	77%
	Business	26%	27%	26%	23%
CLASS OF TRAVEL	Standard	75%	72%	75%	74%
	Premium	25%	28%	25%	23%

# SHOPPER SEGMENTS

## ALL TRAVELLERS – TRENDS



# m1nd-set segmentation: The 5 Segment Families



## RATIONAL PRE-PLANNERS

- Buy their **usual products** to stock-up or as gifts
- Very **price sensitive** - often compare with **street prices**
- Mostly **pre-plan** their purchases
- Often buy to **use during the trip**
- Like **simple & informative shops**



## EMOTIONAL BRAND IMAGE SEEKERS

- Very into brands they recognize themselves with and image.
- Like **exclusivity** and **international products** with local touch.
- Want **special editions**
- **High spenders**, spend time in the shops, visit frequently
- Need **attractive shops**, lot of choice and **exclusivity**



## LOCAL TOUCH SEEKERS

- Seek **authenticity**
- Need **local products** (not cheap / standard souvenirs)
- Are the **least brand sensitive**
- Can also buy **international products** with local touch
- Often buys for **gifting**



## PRICE SENSITIVE SHOPPING LOVERS

- Need **cheaper prices** and **promotions**
- **Compare** to get the best possible deal
- **Brand and image sensitive**
- Spend a **lot of time** in the DF shops
- Like **novelties**
- Tend **not** to prefer local products



## LOW INCOME BUYERS

- Occasional travellers
- Don't have **high budgets** but are **not extremely price sensitive**
- Need **well known brands** and **promotions**
- Buy mainly for **gifting**
- Like **staff guidance** and **recommendations** from friends
- Don't buy to **stock-up**

DF OVERALL

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How likely were global travellers to visit and purchase in Duty Free shops in Q2 2025?



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# SHOPPING KPIs

DF OVERALL (Q2 2025)

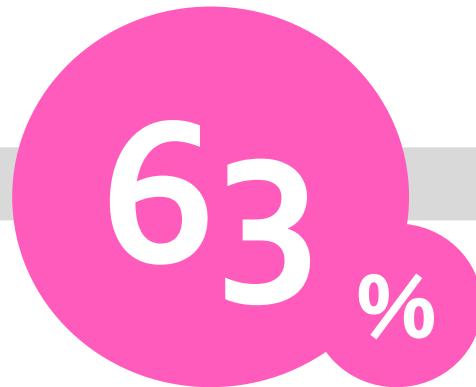
## FOOTFALL

(% of DF visitors out of total PAX)



## CONVERSION

(% of DF buyers out of DF visitors)



## PURCHASE RATE

(% of DF buyers out of total PAX)



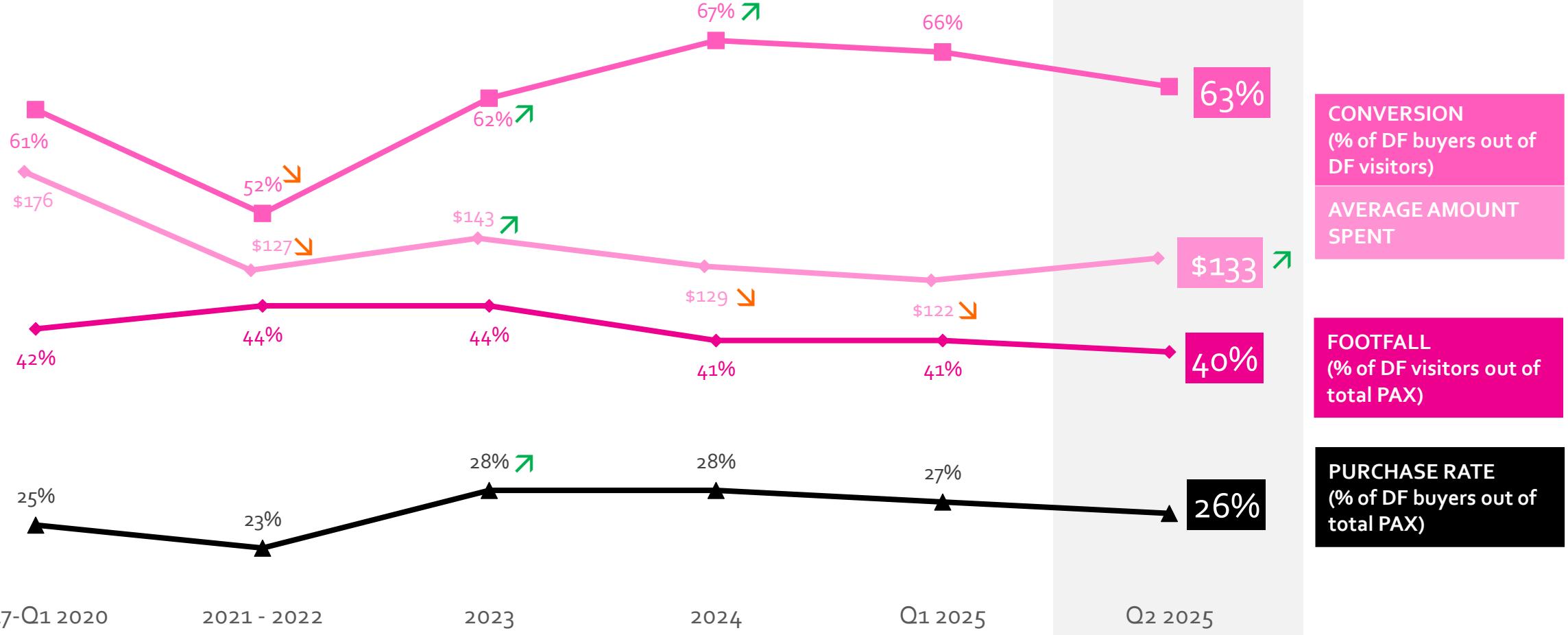
## AV SPEND (\$)



# SHOPPING KPIs

## DF OVERALL (Q2 2025) – TRENDS

While footfall, conversion, and purchase rate remained stable, average spend saw a notable uplift in Q2 2025, pointing to higher-value shopping among buyers.

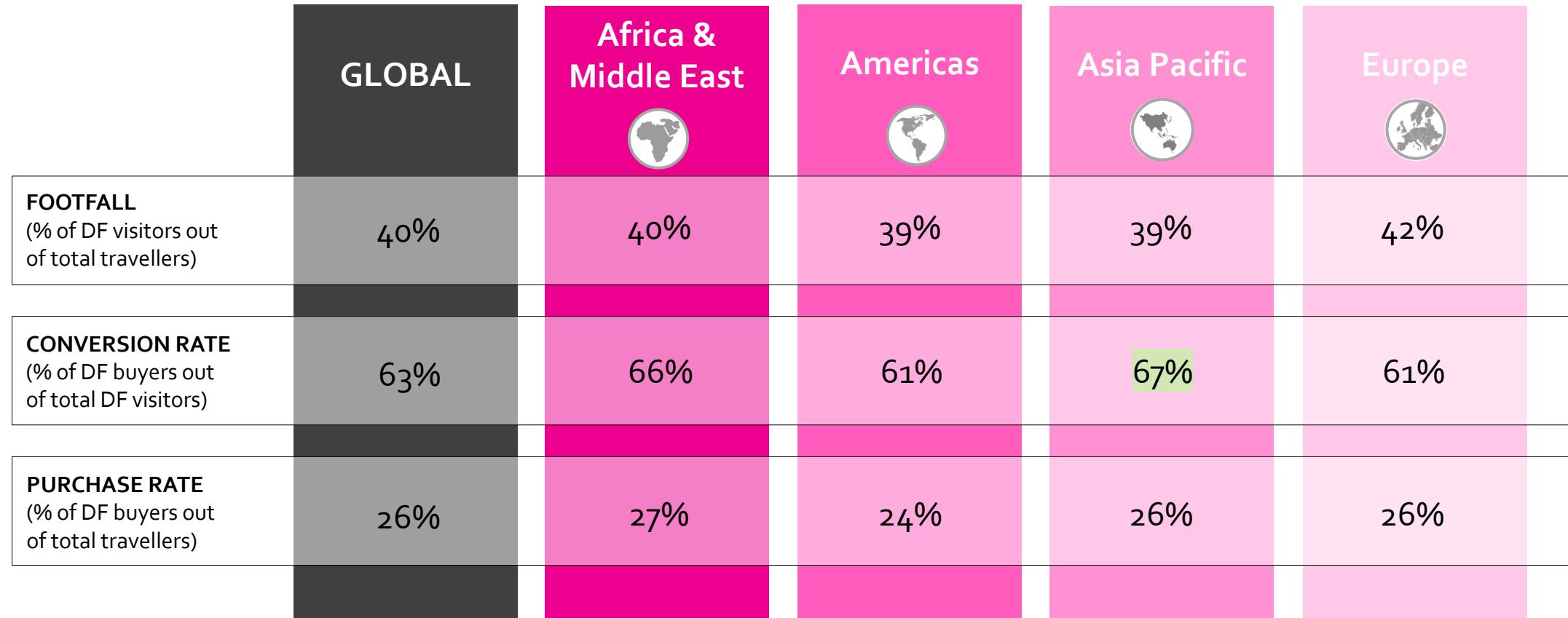


# SHOPPING KPIs

## DF OVERALL (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



ASPAC stands out with the highest conversion rate, indicating strong shopper intent despite lower footfall. Europe sees the most foot traffic, but this doesn't translate into higher purchase rates, which remain consistent across regions.



A collage of various chocolate products, including dark chocolate bars with embossed designs, milk chocolate bars, chocolate chips, and wrapped chocolates in pink foil. The chocolates are arranged in a dense, overlapping composition.

DF OVERALL

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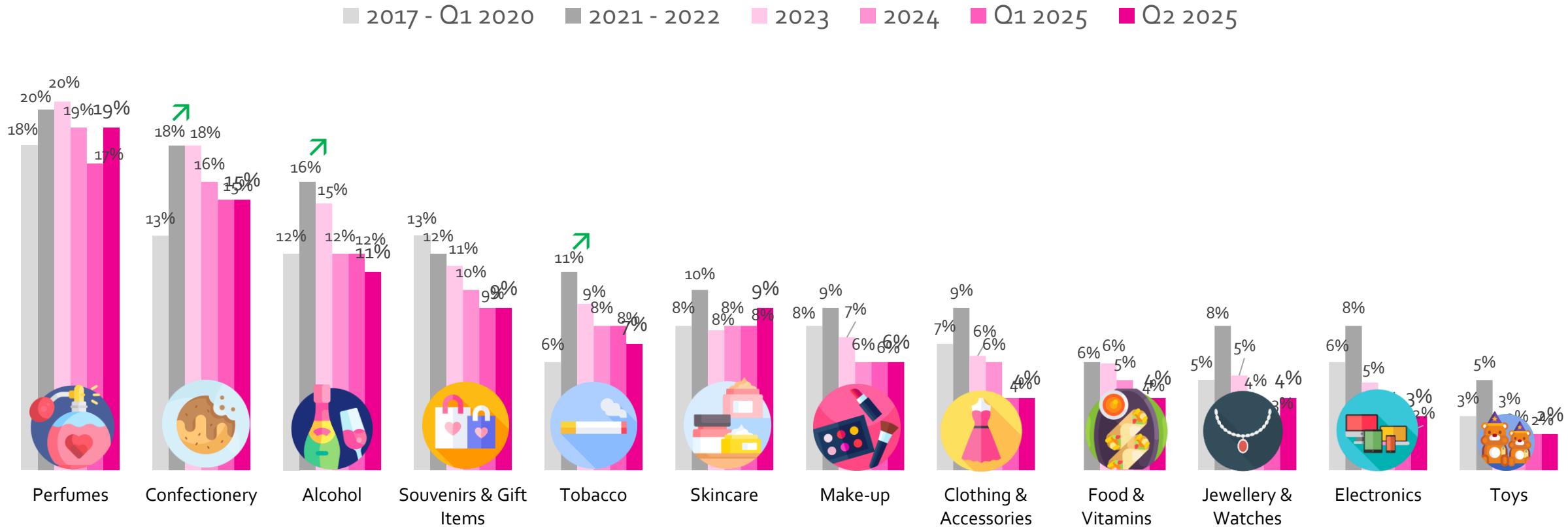
Which categories were the most visited and purchased in Duty Free shops in Q2 2025?

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# FOOTFALL BY CATEGORIES

## DUTY FREE OVERALL – TRENDS

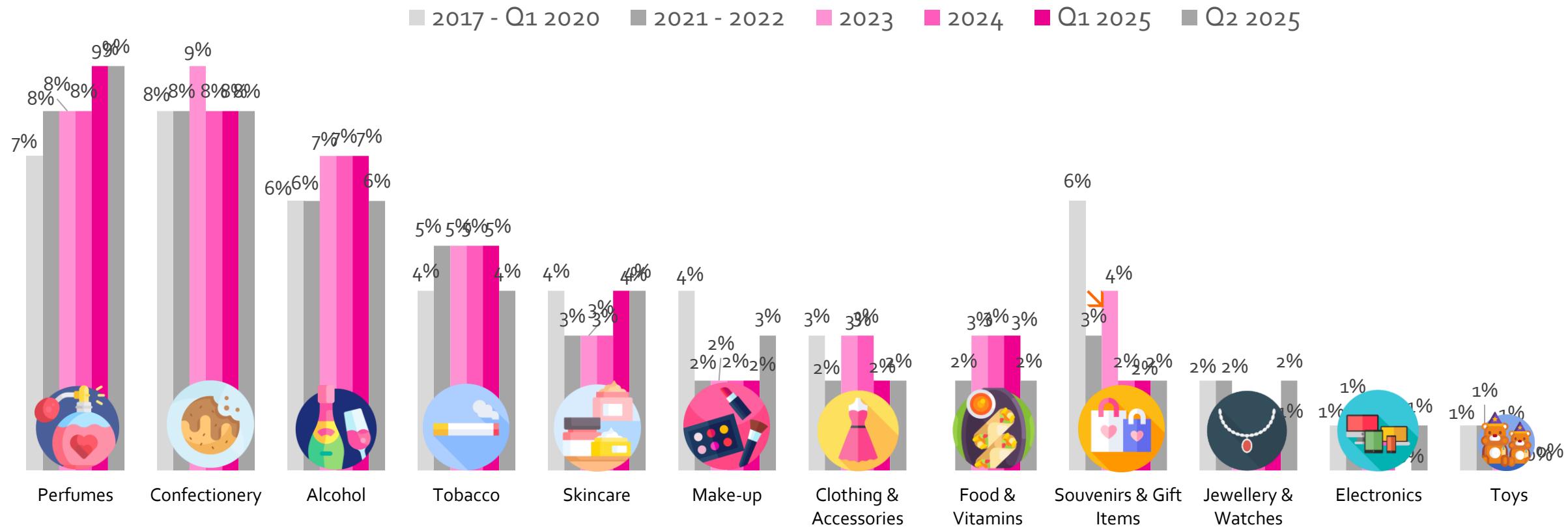
(Category Visitors out of total Travellers)



# PURCHASE RATE BY CATEGORIES

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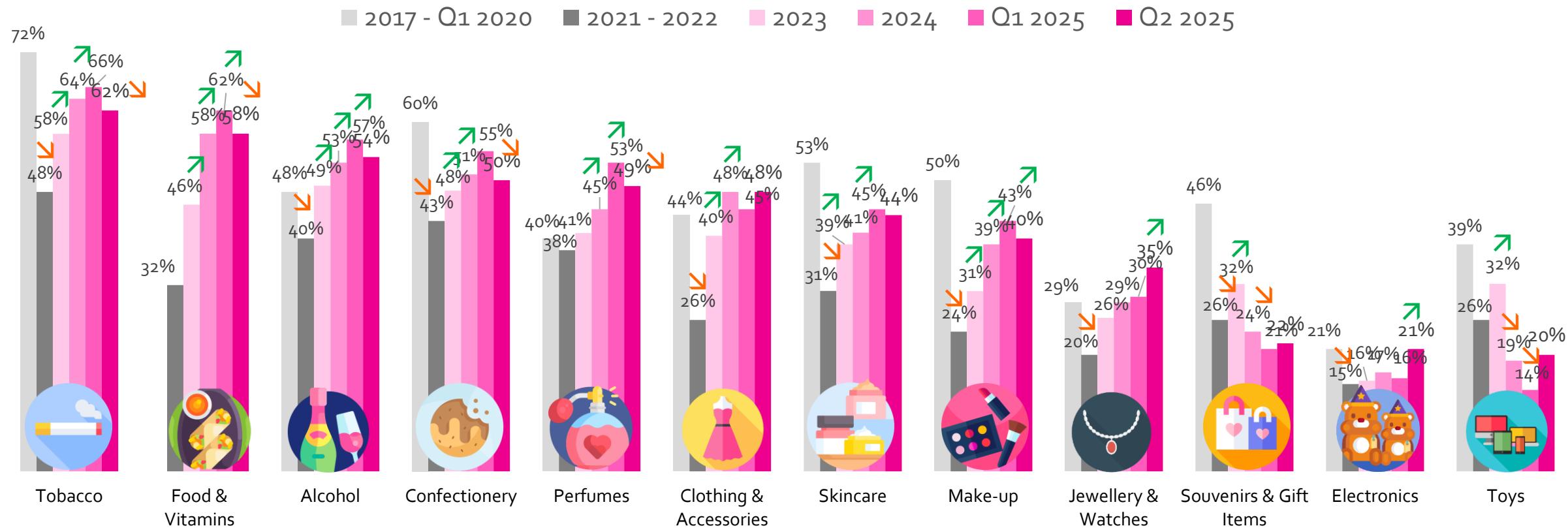
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# CONVERSION RATE BY CATEGORIES

## DUTY FREE OVERALL – TRENDS

(Category Buyers out of total Visitors)



A photograph of two young women looking into a shop window. One woman is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. They are both holding small shopping bags. The background shows a city street with buildings and a red bus.

DF OVERALL

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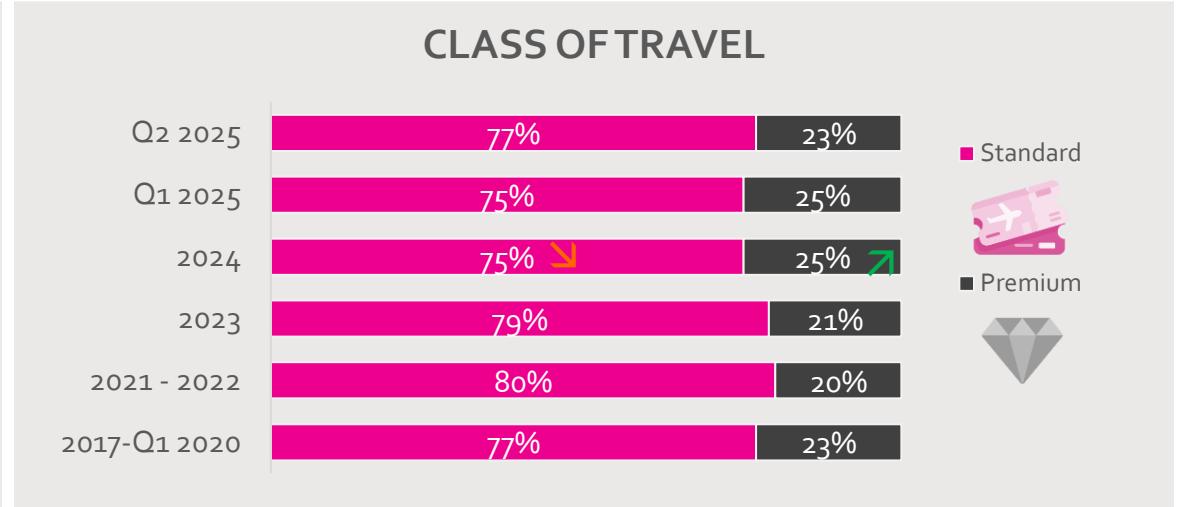
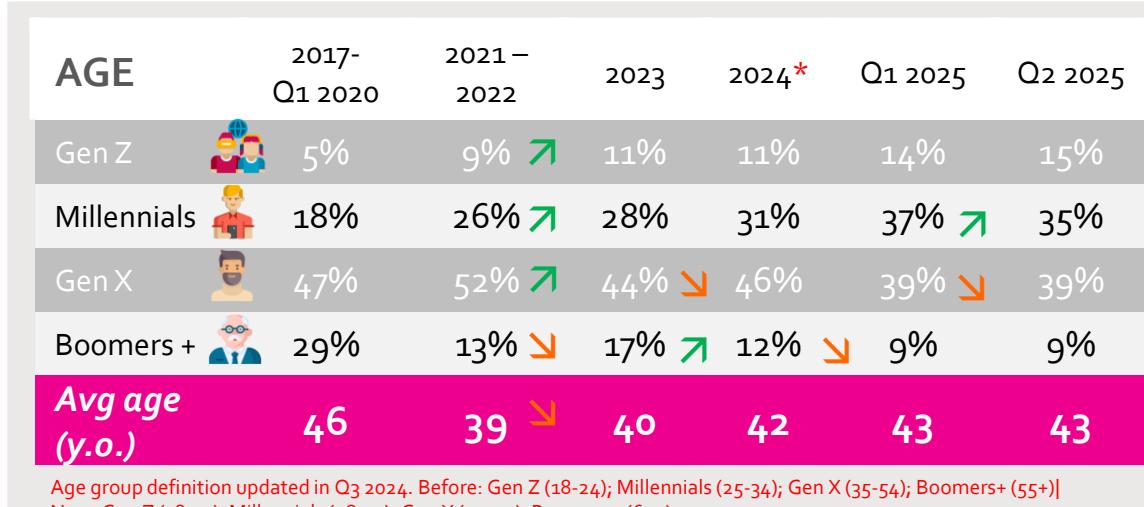
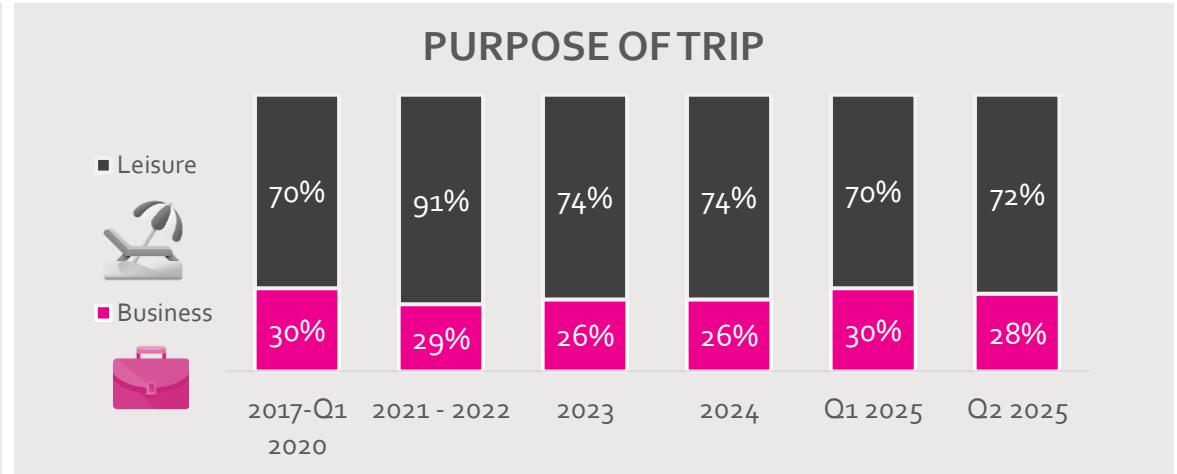
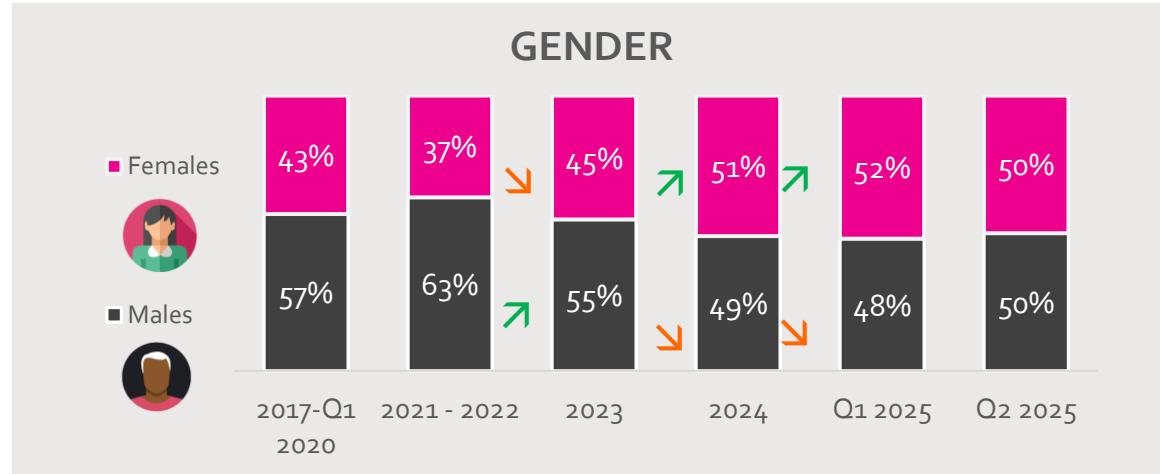
Who are Duty Free visitors in Q2 2025?  
Which sections do they visit?

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# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

## DF VISITORS – TRENDS

Duty-free visitors are increasingly younger and more gender-balanced, with Gen X continuing to dominate.



# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

## DF VISITORS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

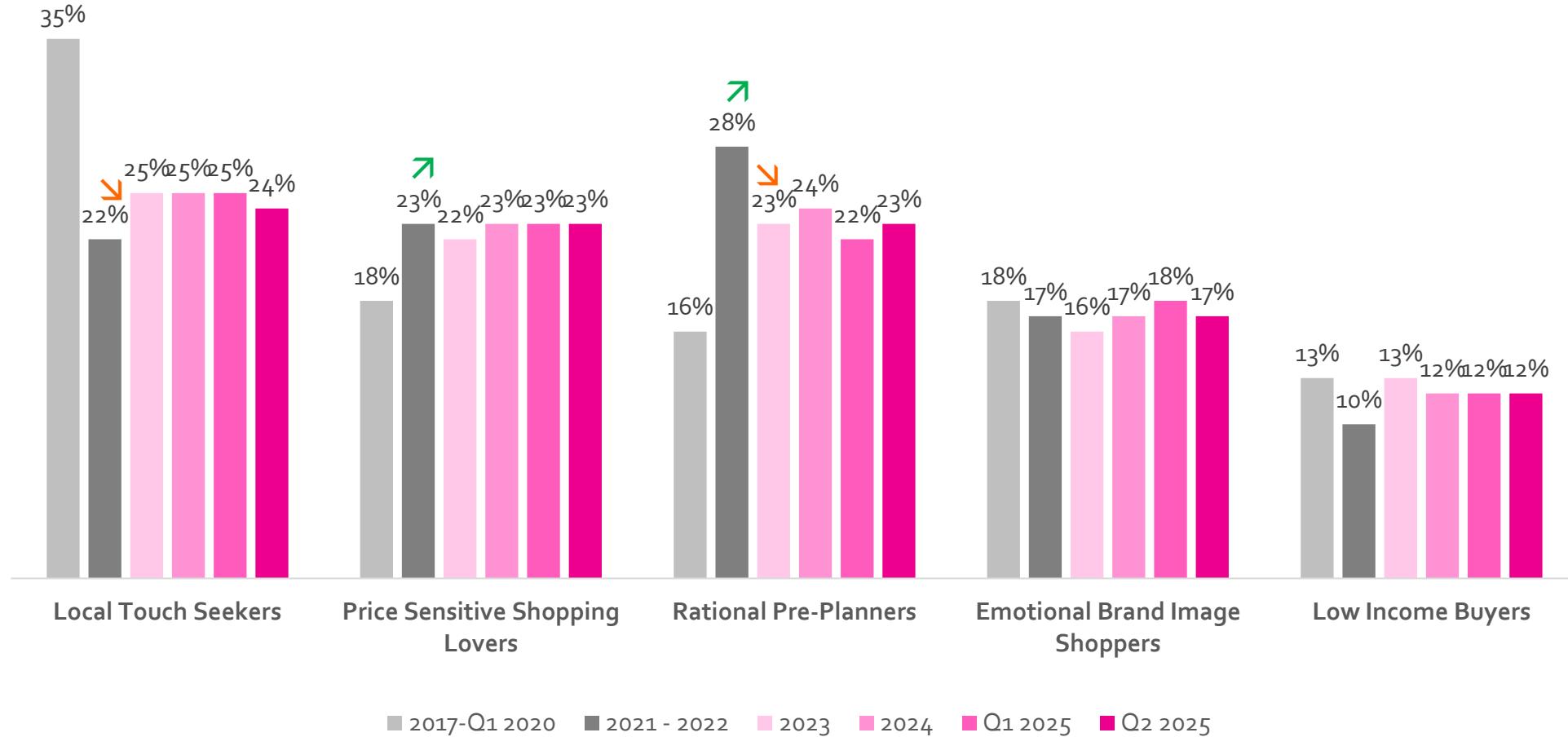


Asia Pacific stands out as the most leisure-driven region, with the highest share of male DF visitors. MEA leads in female representation, marking the strongest gender skew globally.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
GENDER	Males	50%	45%	50%	54%
	Females	50%	55%	50%	46%
AGE	Gen Z	15%	18%	15%	16%
	Millennials	37%	36%	38%	37%
TRAVEL PURPOSE	Gen X	39%	37%	39%	39%
	Boomers +	9%	9%	7%	9%
Avg. age		43 y.o.	42 y.o.	42 y.o.	43 y.o.
CLASS OF TRAVEL	Leisure	72%	71%	71%	76%
	Business	28%	29%	29%	24%
CLASS OF TRAVEL	Standard	77%	77%	76%	78%
	Premium	23%	23%	24%	22%

# SHOPPER SEGMENTS

## DUTY FREE VISITORS – TRENDS

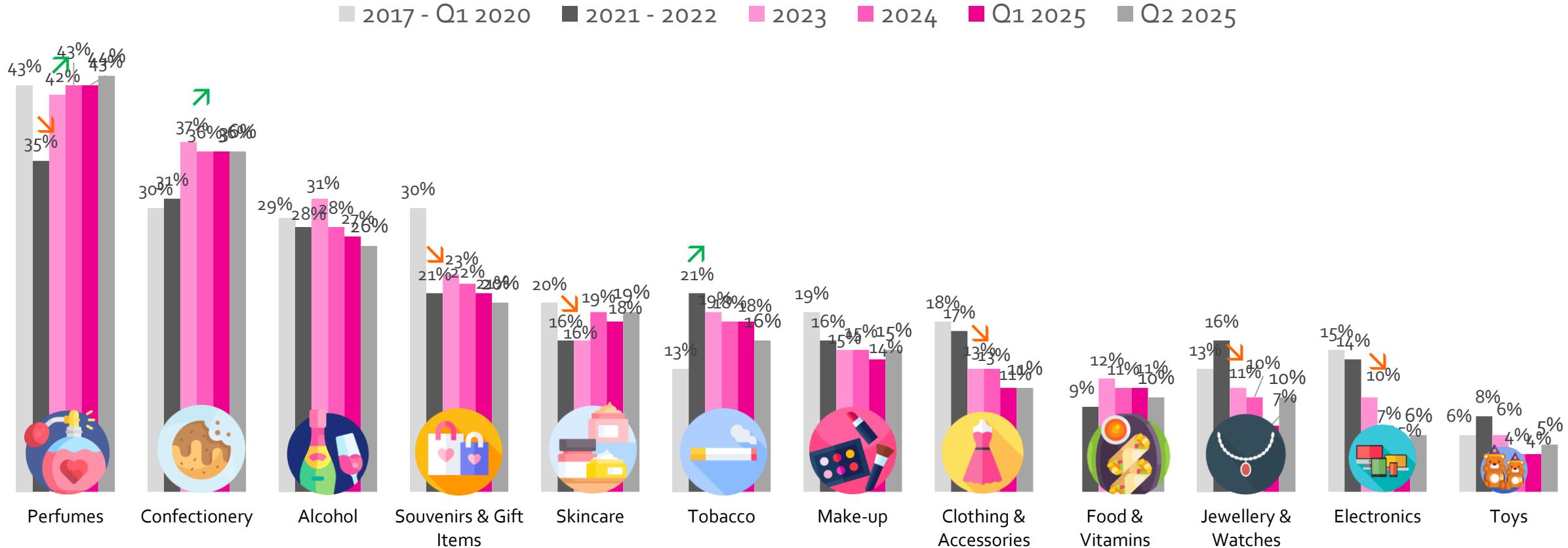


# CATEGORIES VISITED

## DF VISITORS – TRENDS

(Category Visited out of DF Visitors)

Perfumes continue to be the most visited category, followed by Confectionery and Alcohol.



# CATEGORIES VISITED

## DF VISITORS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

(Category Visited out of DF Visitors)

MEA leads visits in perfumes and souvenirs, highlighting interest in gifting and personal care. The Americas under-index in make-up and perfumes.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
Perfumes	44%	51%	38%	42%	45%
Chocolate & Confectionery	36%	37%	37%	35%	35%
Alcohol	26%	19%	25%	26%	28%
Souvenirs & Gift Items	20%	24%	20%	20%	20%
Skincare	19%	17%	21%	19%	20%
Tobacco	16%	14%	15%	18%	17%
Make-up	15%	15%	11%	16%	16%
Clothing & Accessories	11%	12%	10%	11%	10%
Jewellery & Watches	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%
Food & Vitamins	10%	7%	10%	13%	10%
Electronics	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%
Toys	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%



DF OVERALL

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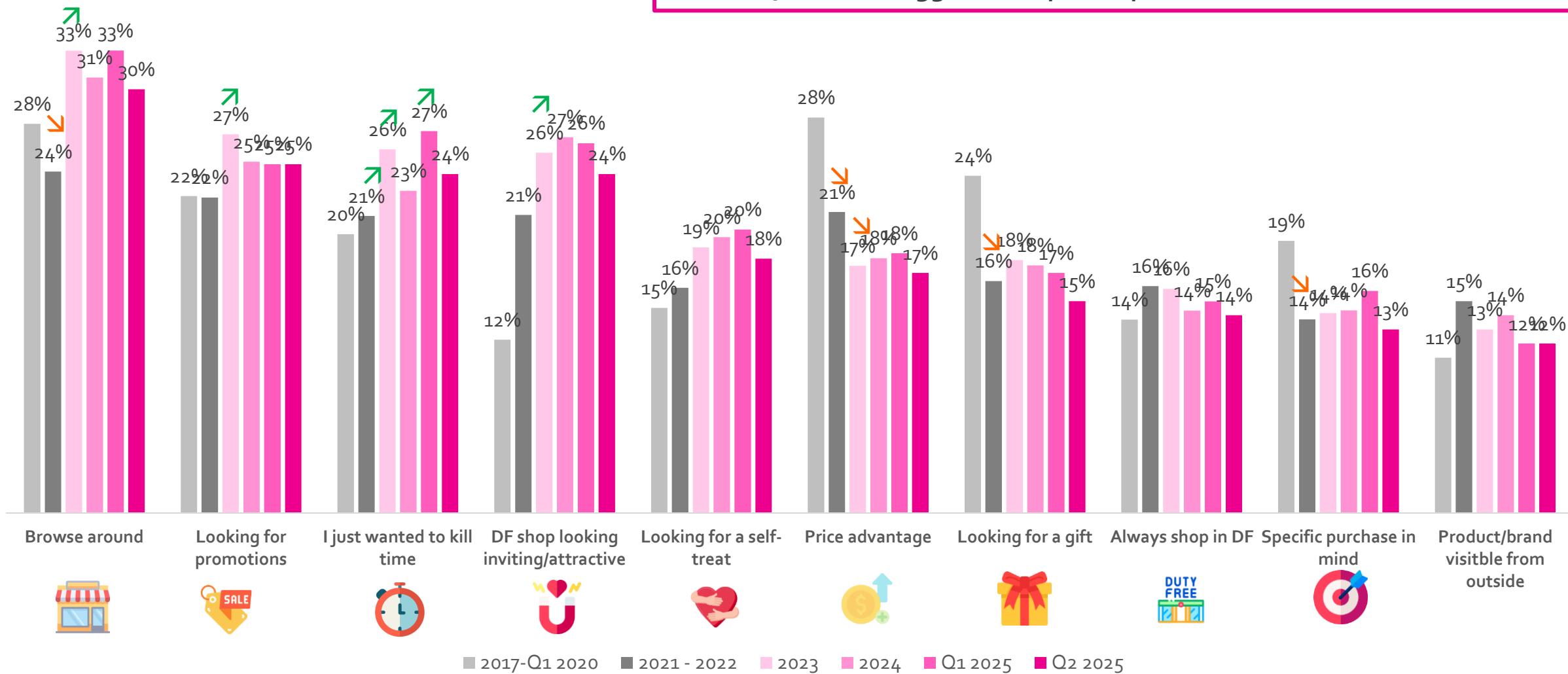
What motivates travellers to visit  
the Duty Free shops?

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# TOP DRIVERS OF VISITS

## DF OVERALL – TRENDS

The top drivers of duty-free visits continue to be spontaneous and emotional: browsing, shop appeal, and killing time are all on the rise. In contrast, rational triggers like specific purchase intent continue to decline.



# TOP DRIVERS OF VISITS

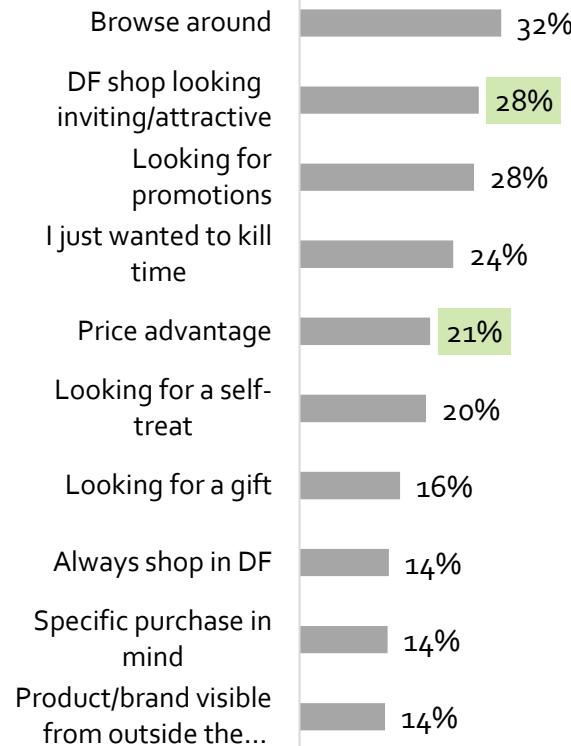
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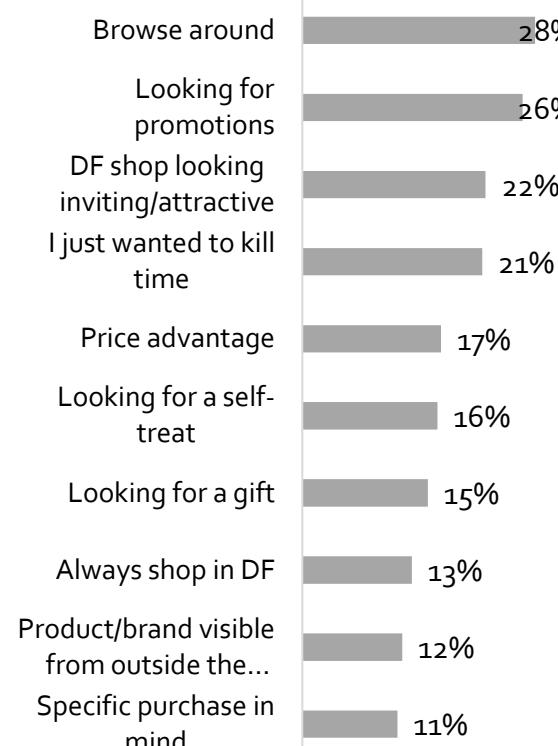
MEA visitors are most influenced by store appeal and price advantage.



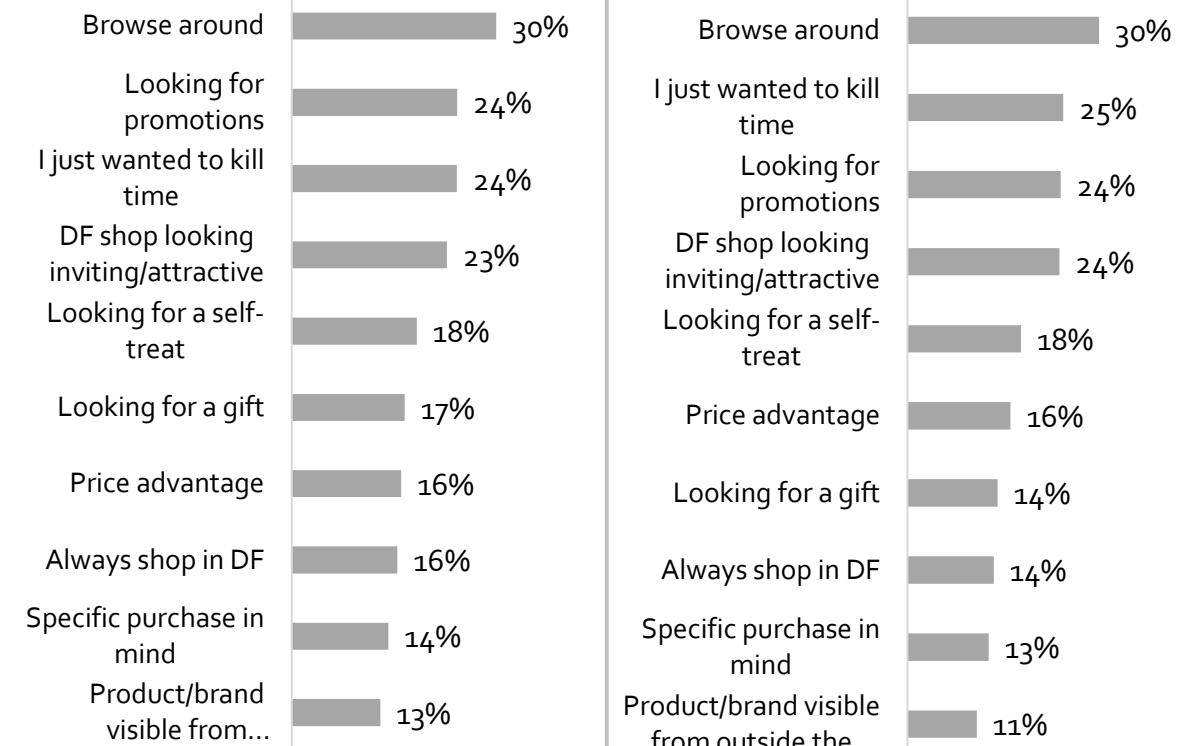
## Africa & Middle East



## Americas



## Asia Pacific



## Europe





DF OVERALL

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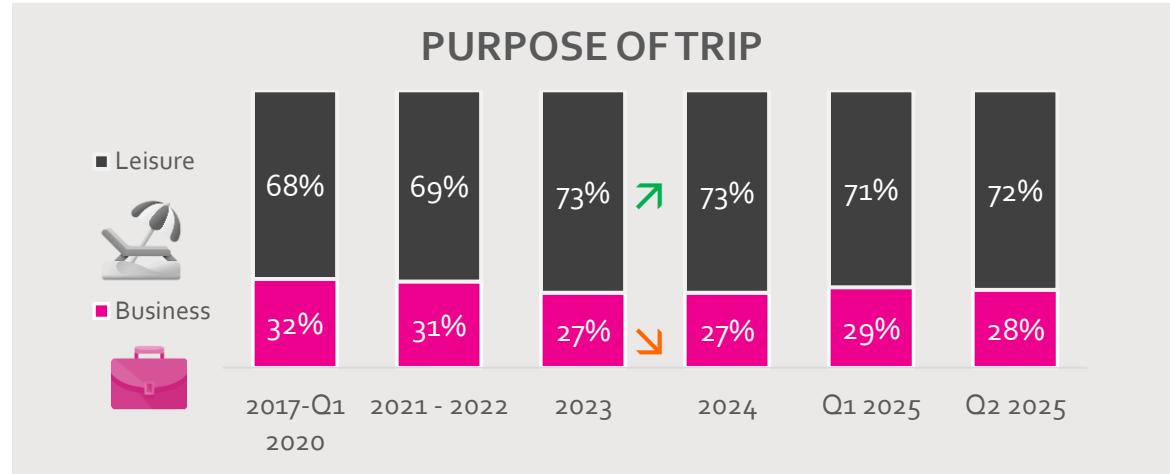
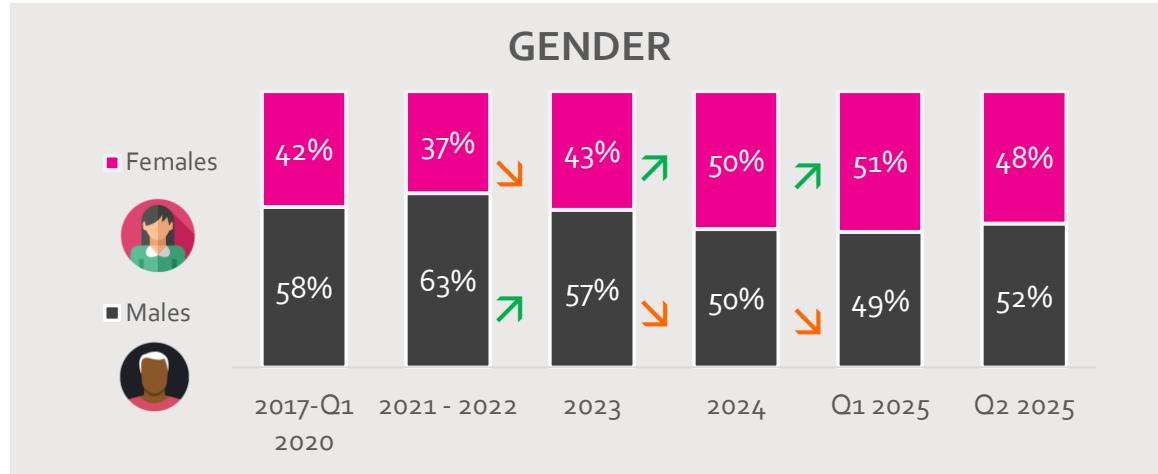
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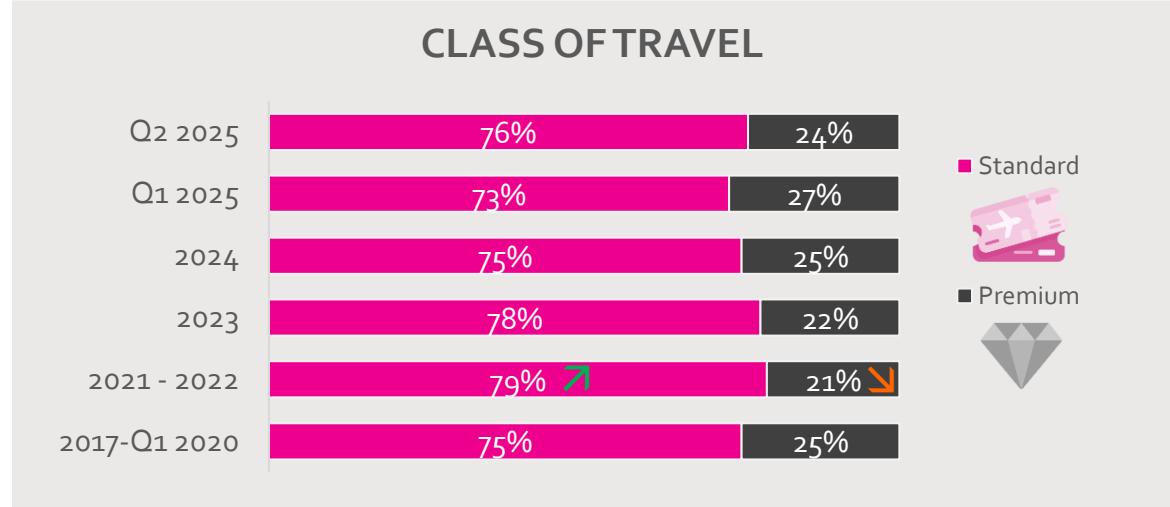
## DF OVERALL BUYERS – TRENDS

DF buyers continue to skew younger, with Millennials firmly leading. Female share remains strong despite a slight dip, and leisure remains the dominant trip purpose.



AGE	2017- Q1 2020	2021 – 2022	2023	2024*	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Gen Z	5%	8%	10%	11%	14%	14%
Millennials	19%	27%	29%	31%	39%	39%
Gen X	48%	54%	47%	46%	38%	39%
Boomers +	28%	11%	15%	12%	9%	9%
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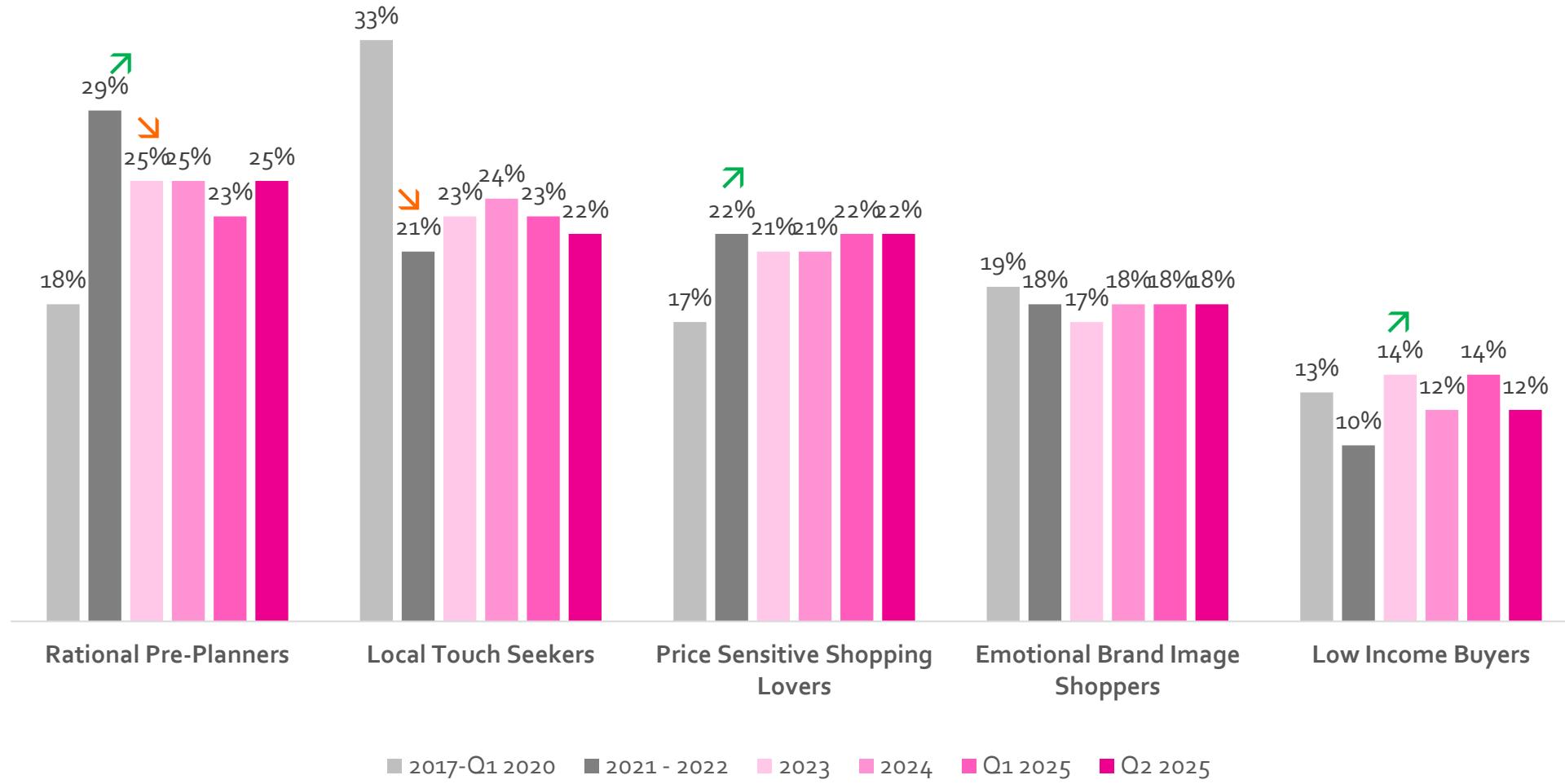
ASPAC stands out with the highest share of leisure-driven DF buyers, while the Americas lead in Millennials. MEA remains the most female-skewed region and shows the highest premium class usage, pointing to a more upscale female buyer base.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
GENDER	Males 	52%	48%	54%	52%
	Females 	48%	52%	46%	48%
AGE	Gen Z 	14%	16%	17%	16%
	Millennials 	39%	36%	43%	37%
AGE	Gen X 	39%	39%	34%	39%
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	Premium 	24%	28%	24%	22%

# SHOPPER SEGMENTS

## DUTY FREE BUYERS – TRENDS

Rational pre-planners and price-sensitive shoppers continue to dominate DF buyer segments, with emotional and impulse-driven profiles showing stability. Local touch seekers remain relevant but have softened slightly since last year.



# NUMBER OF CATEGORIES BOUGHT

DF BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



GLOBAL



Africa & Middle East



Americas



Asia Pacific



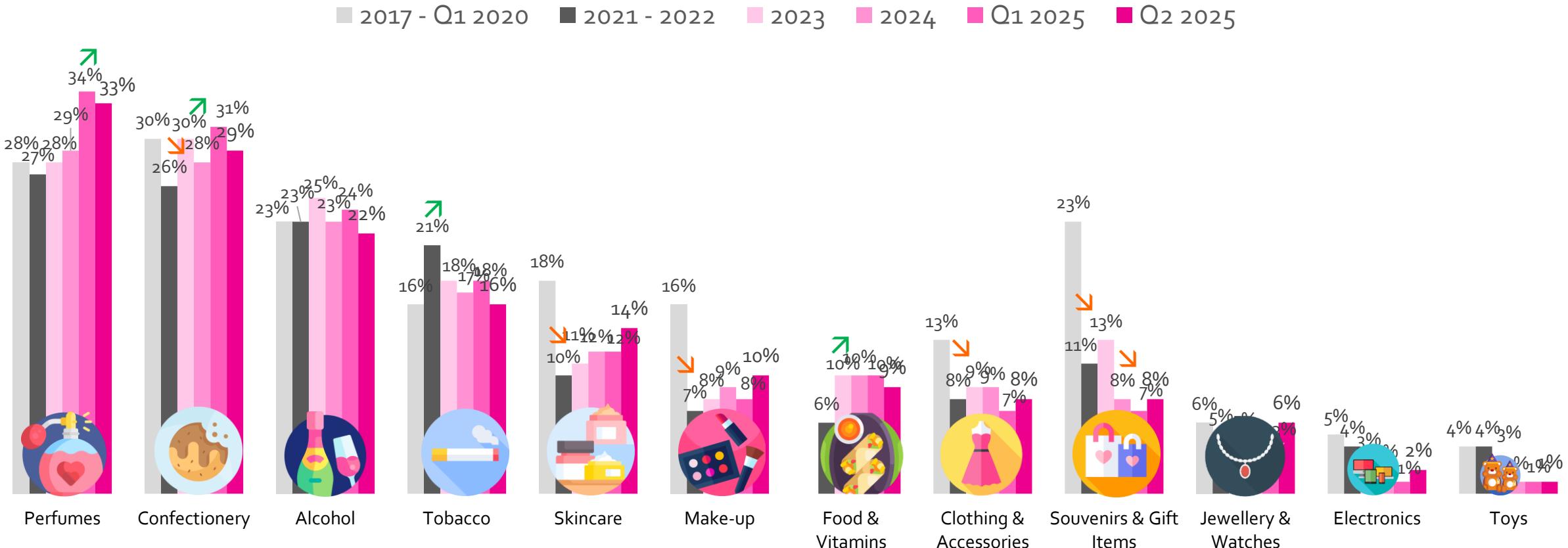
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# CATEGORIES PURCHASED

## DF BUYERS – TRENDS

(Category Buyers out of DF Buyers)



# CATEGORIES PURCHASED

## DF BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

(Category Buyers out of DF Buyers)



Perfumes dominate purchases across all regions, with MEA leading well above average.

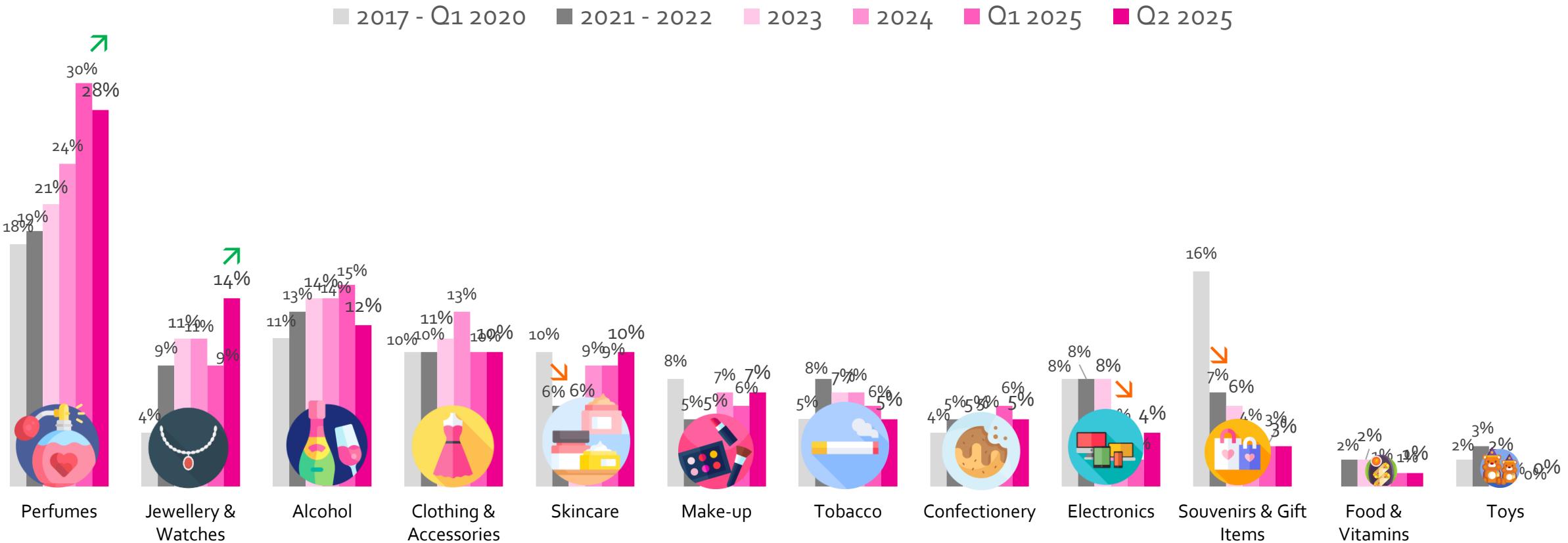


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Skincare	14%	10%	15%	12%	15%
Make-up	10%	9%	7%	10%	11%
Food & Vitamins	9%	5%	10%	11%	9%
Clothing & Accessories	8%	8%	9%	7%	7%
Souvenirs & Gift Items	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%
Jewellery & Watches	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%
Electronics	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Toys	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%

# SHARE OF WALLET BY CATEGORIES

## DUTY FREE OVERALL – TRENDS

Perfumes account for the largest share of spending.



# AVERAGE SPEND (PER BUYER) BY CATEGORIES

## DUTY FREE OVERALL – TRENDS

High-ticket categories like jewellery, electronics, and clothing saw spend growth in Q2 2025. In contrast, spend on souvenirs, and food & vitamins continued to decline, reinforcing a shift away from low-value gifting.



# AVERAGE SPEND (PER BUYER) BY CATEGORIES

DUTY FREE OVERALL (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

Spending across several categories tends to be higher in MEA regions.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
Jewellery & Watches	\$311 	\$299	\$387	\$250	\$302
Electronics	\$214 	\$278	\$204	\$199	\$217
Clothing & Accessories	\$182 	\$170	\$203	\$190	\$168
Perfumes	\$114 	\$156	\$114	\$95	\$108
Make-up	\$101 	\$103	\$99	\$100	\$102
Skincare	\$100 	\$96	\$102	\$111	\$95
Alcohol	\$86 	\$90	\$85	\$101	\$77
Souvenirs & Gift Items	\$58 	\$85	\$58	\$56	\$51
Toys	\$57 	\$49	\$70	\$42	\$55
Tobacco	\$54 	\$65	\$60	\$51	\$50
Chocolate & Confectionery	\$28 	\$32	\$27	\$29	\$26
Food & Vitamins	\$27 	\$50	\$20	\$27	\$24

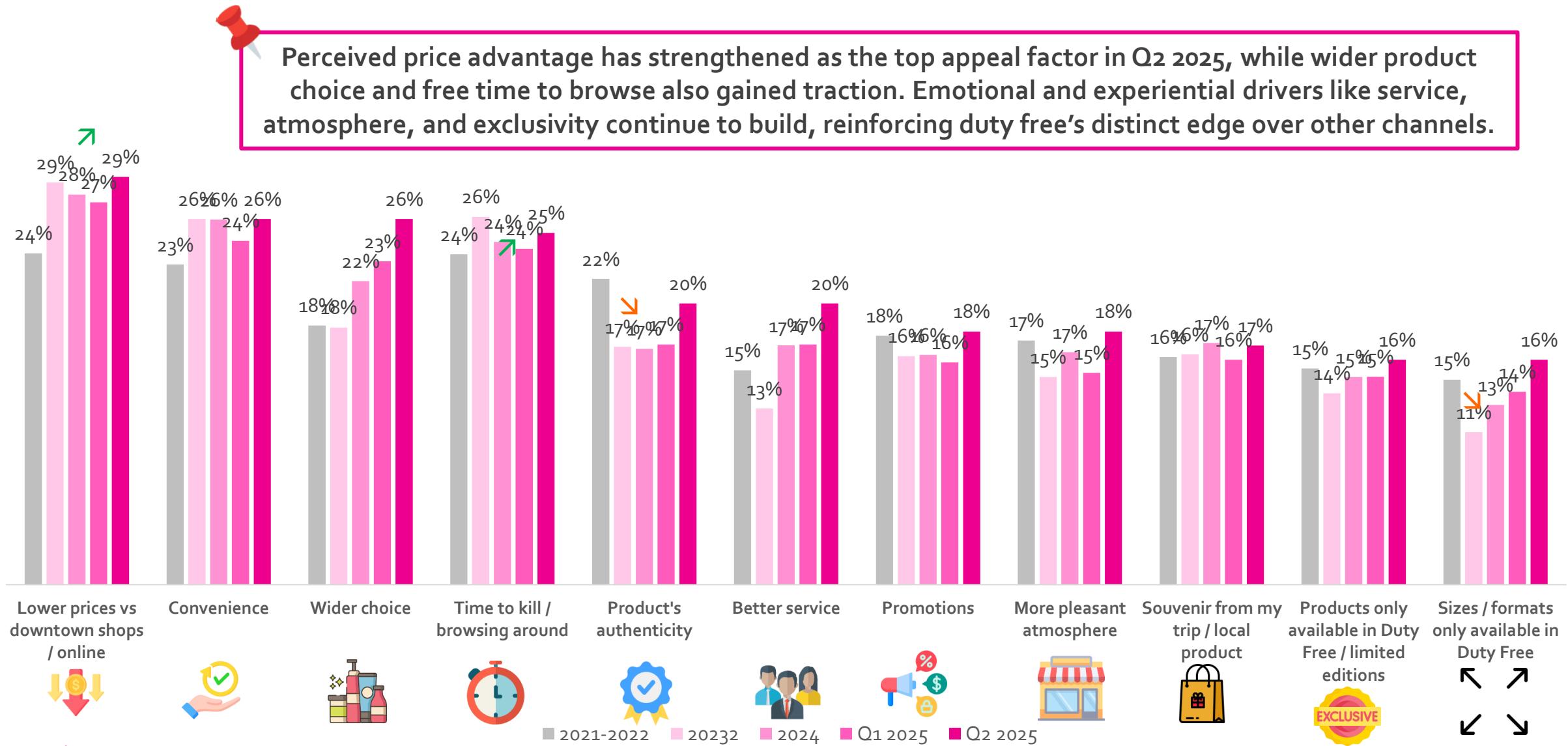


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What are the appeal factors of Duty Free shopping? (vs other channels)

# DUTY FREE APPEAL FACTORS (VS OTHER CHANNELS)

## DF OVERALL BUYERS – TRENDS



# TOP 5 APPEAL FACTORS TO PURCHASE IN DUTY FREE (VS OTHER CHANNELS)

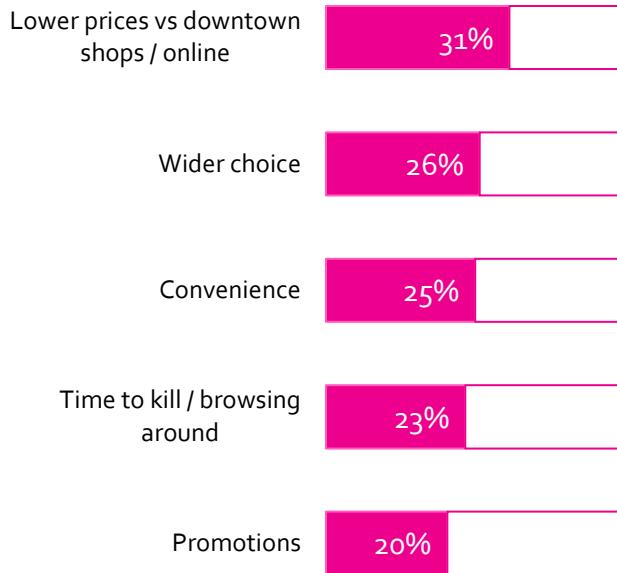
DF OVERALL BUYERS (Q1 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



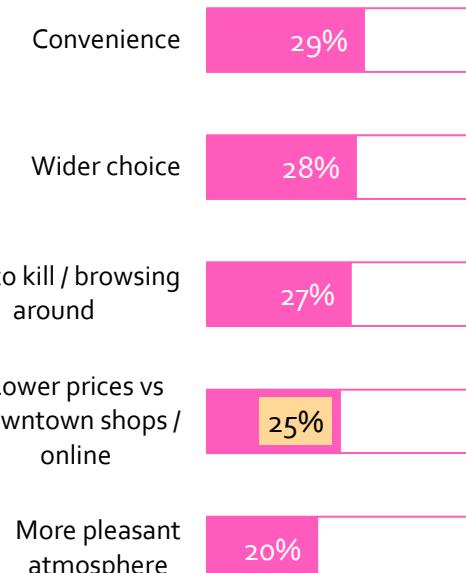
Lower prices remain the top driver across most regions, especially in Europe and MEA.



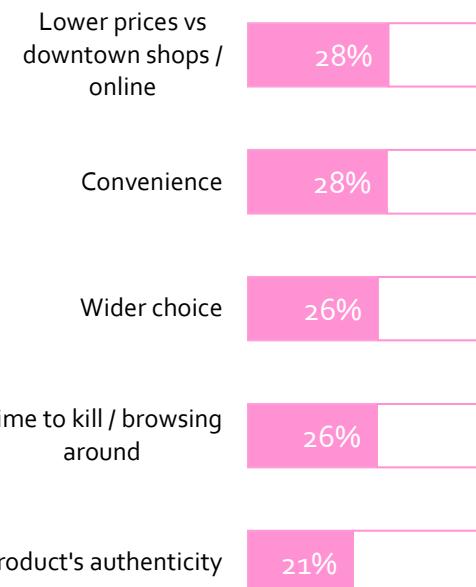
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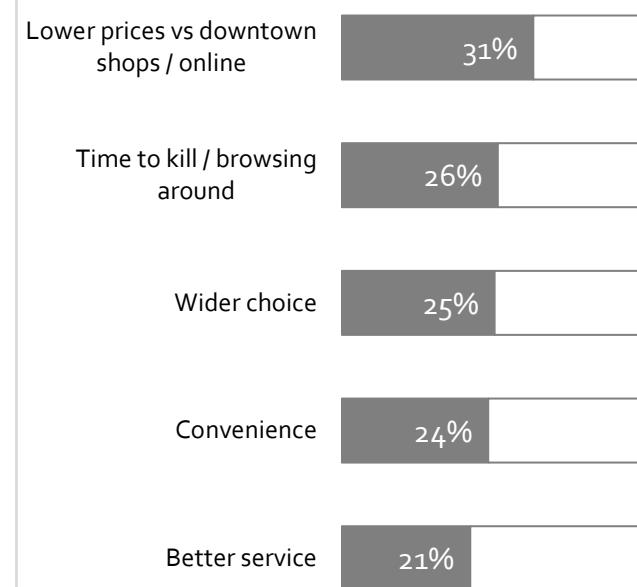
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## Europe



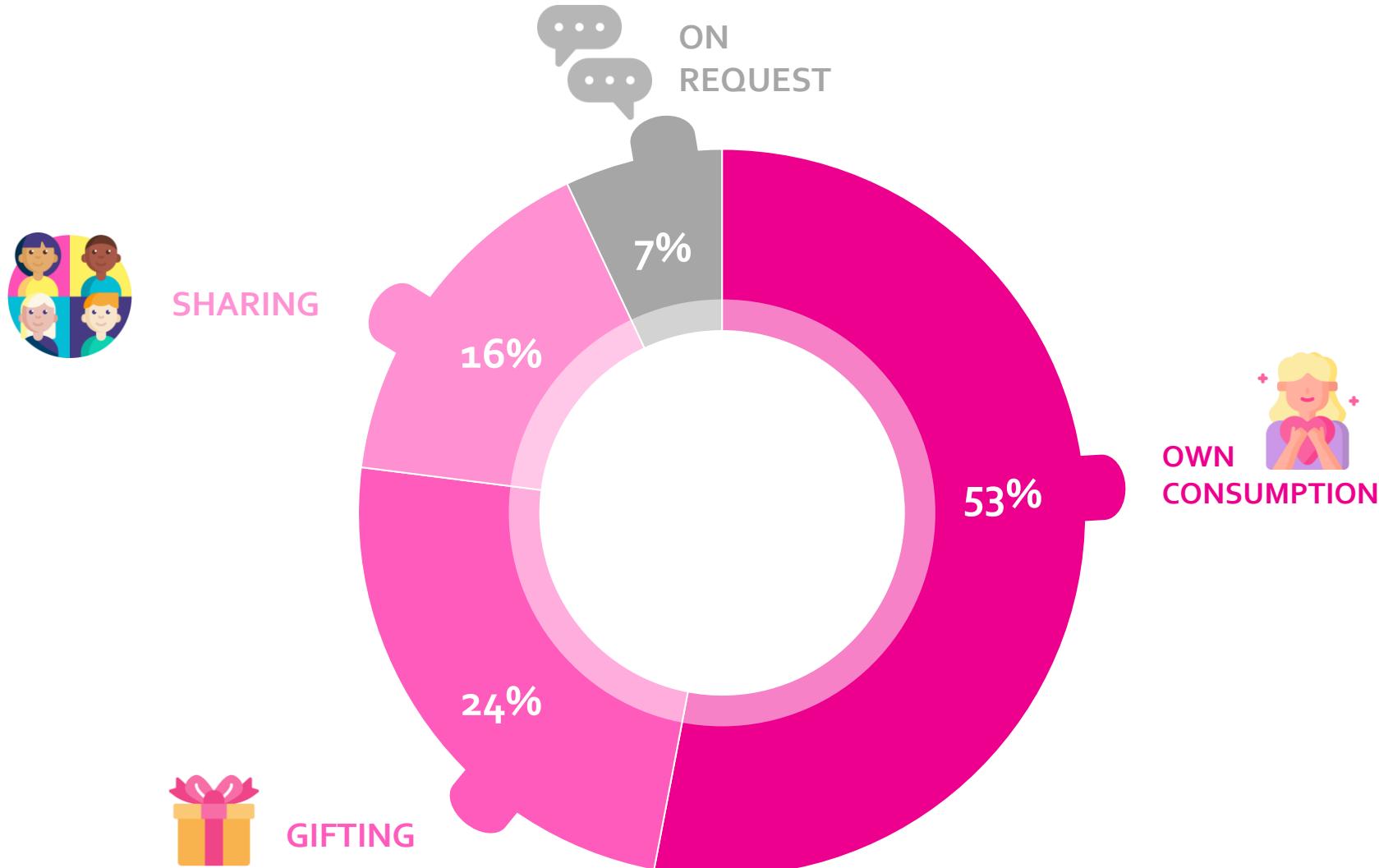
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What are the key purposes of purchase for DF globally?



# PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

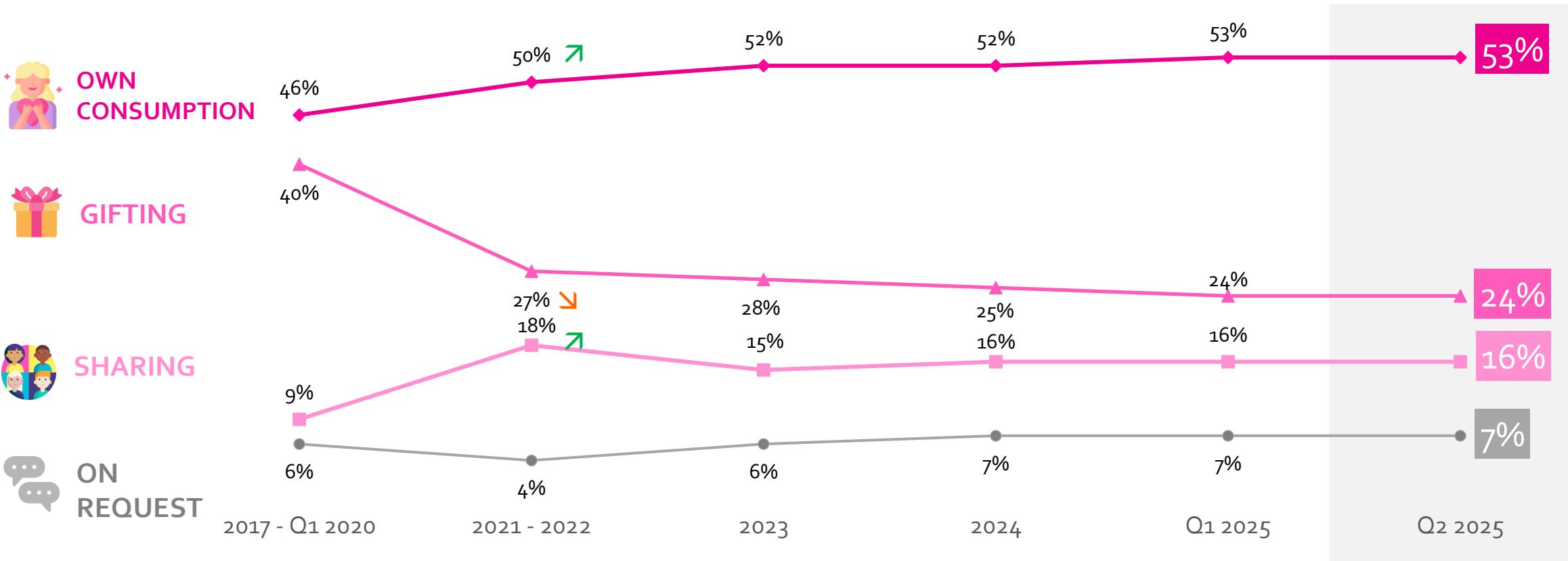
DF OVERALL BUYERS (Q2 2025)



# PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

## DF OVERALL BUYERS – TRENDS

Own consumption continues to dominate duty-free purchases. Gifting and sharing have stabilized, reflecting a long-term shift toward more personal and self-directed buying motivations.



# PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

## DF OVERALL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



Own consumption leads across all regions, especially in the Americas and ASPAC. MEA stands out for having the highest share of gifting.



	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
OWN CONSUMPTION	53%	50%	56%	54%	52%
GIFTING	24%	28%	21%	23%	26%
SHARING	16%	13%	17%	17%	15%
ON REQUEST	7%	8%	5%	6%	7%

# DF OVERALL

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Which are the purchase drivers in Q2 2025?

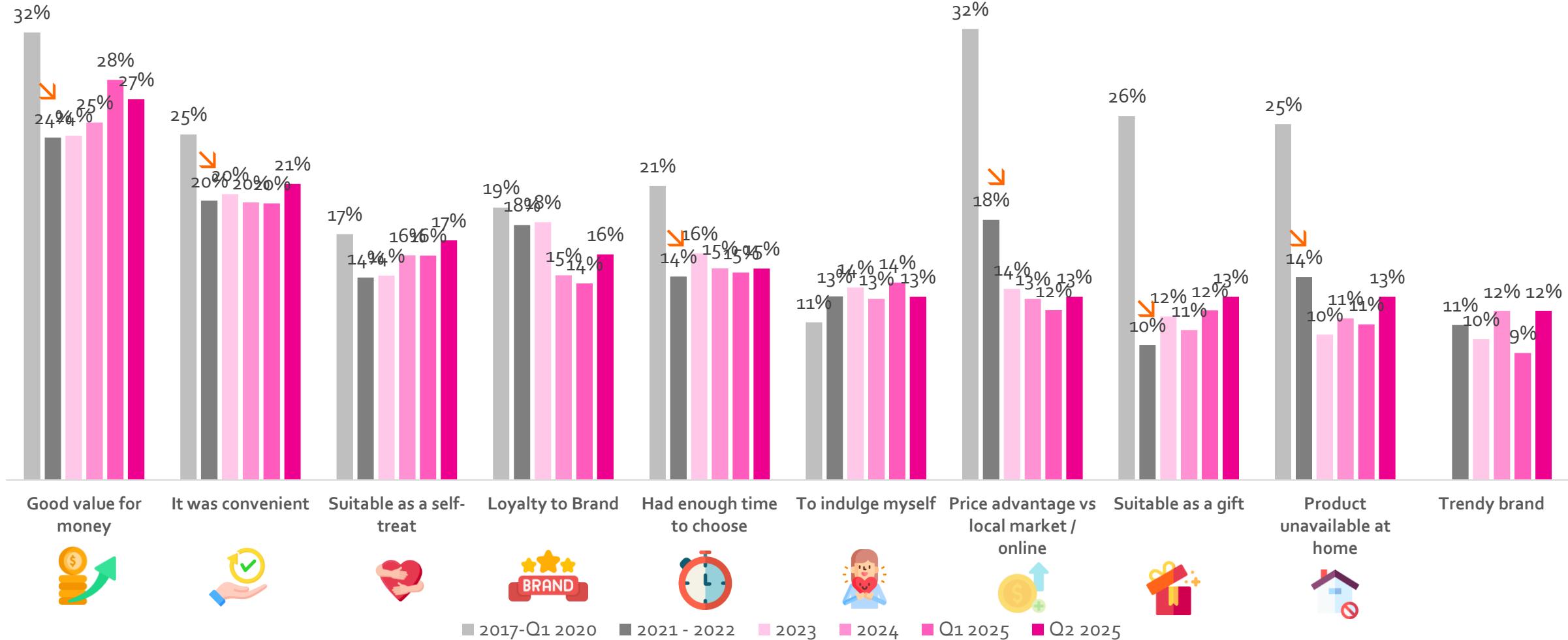


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RESEARCH BEYOND BORDERS

# DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

## DUTY FREE BUYERS – TRENDS

Shoppers are increasingly driven by convenience, self-indulgence, and brand affinity, with growing appeal for exclusive and trendy products. More functional drivers like value for money is becoming slightly less influential.

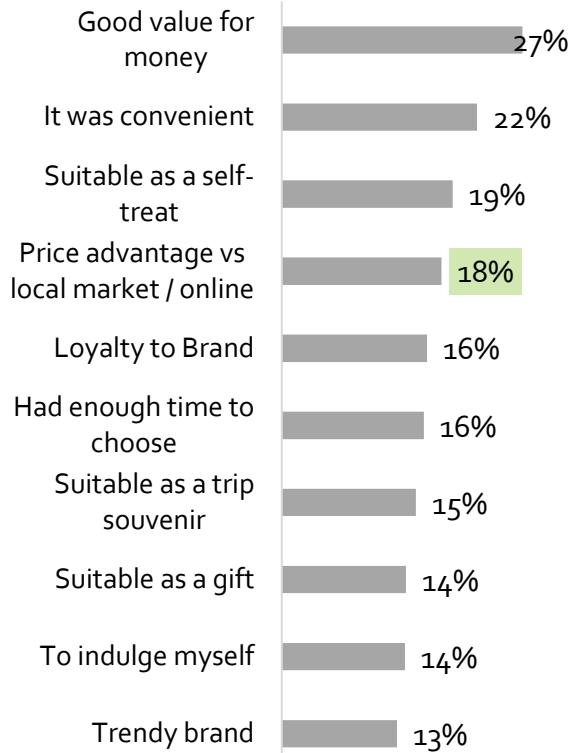


# TOP DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

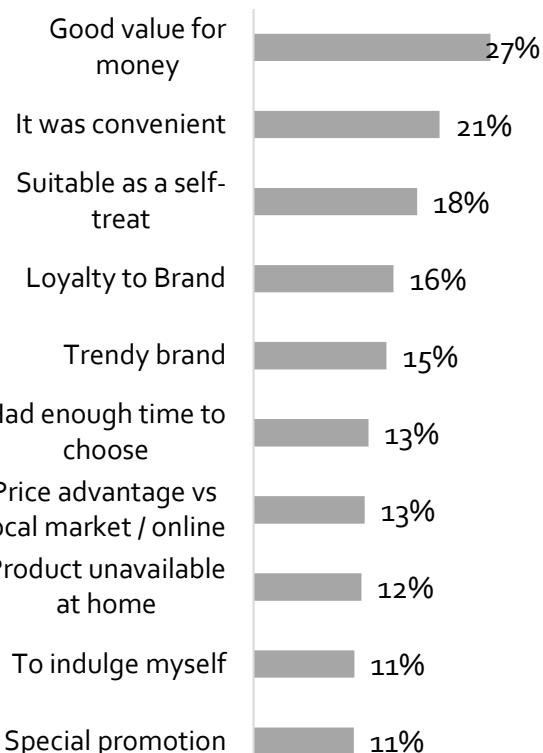
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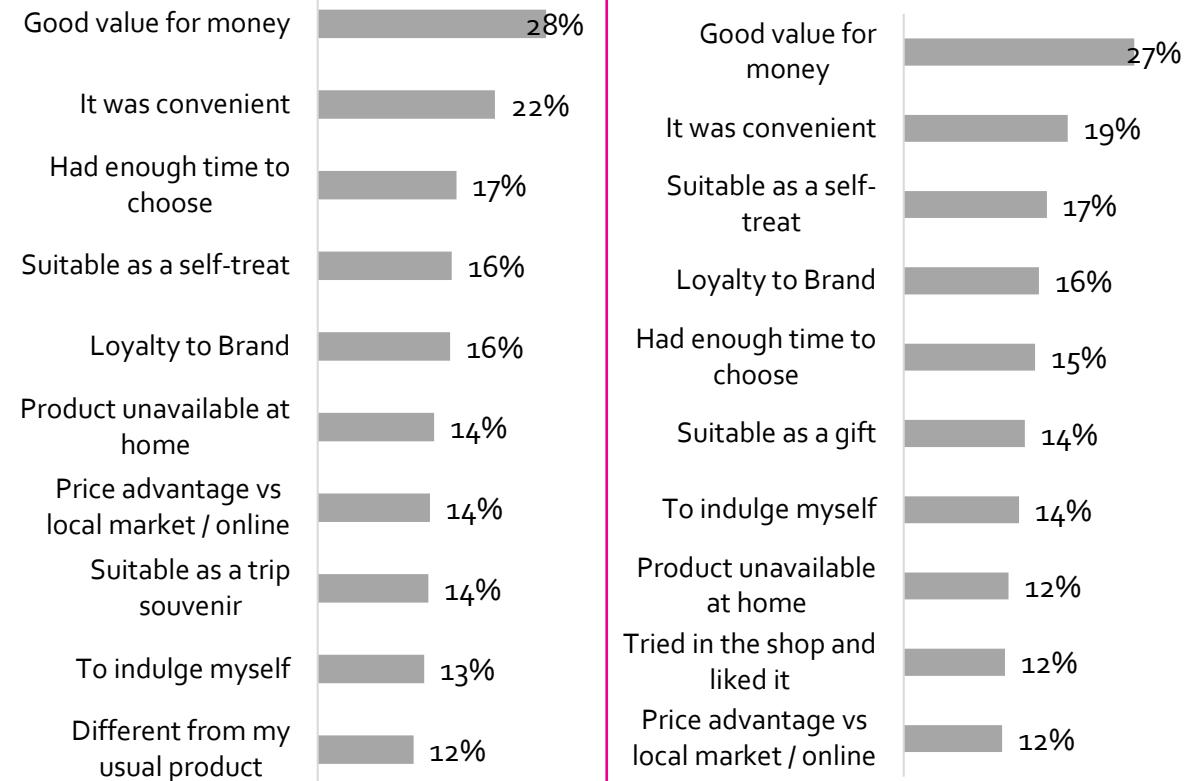
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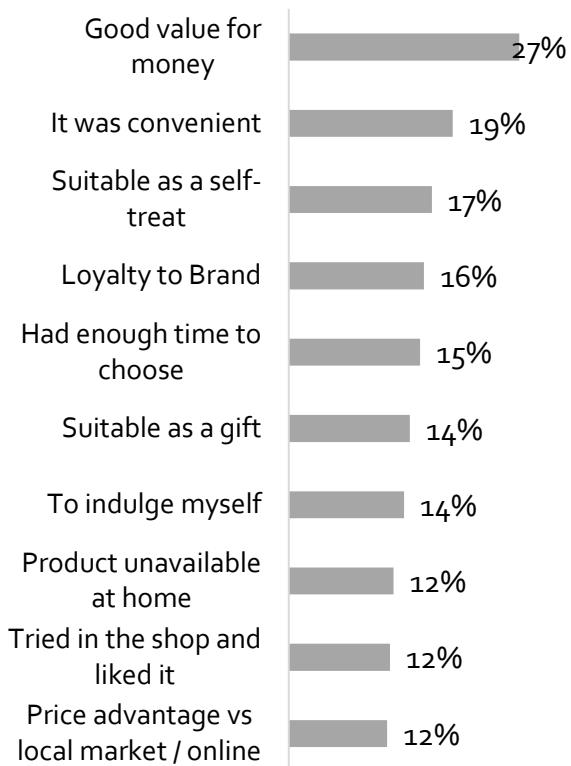
## Americas



## Asia Pacific



## Europe



A close-up photograph of a person's hands writing on a white notepad with a yellow and blue pen. The person is wearing a blue shirt and a black watch. In the background, a portion of a laptop keyboard is visible.

DF OVERALL

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To which extent are purchases planned  
in advance?

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RESEARCH BEYOND BORDERS

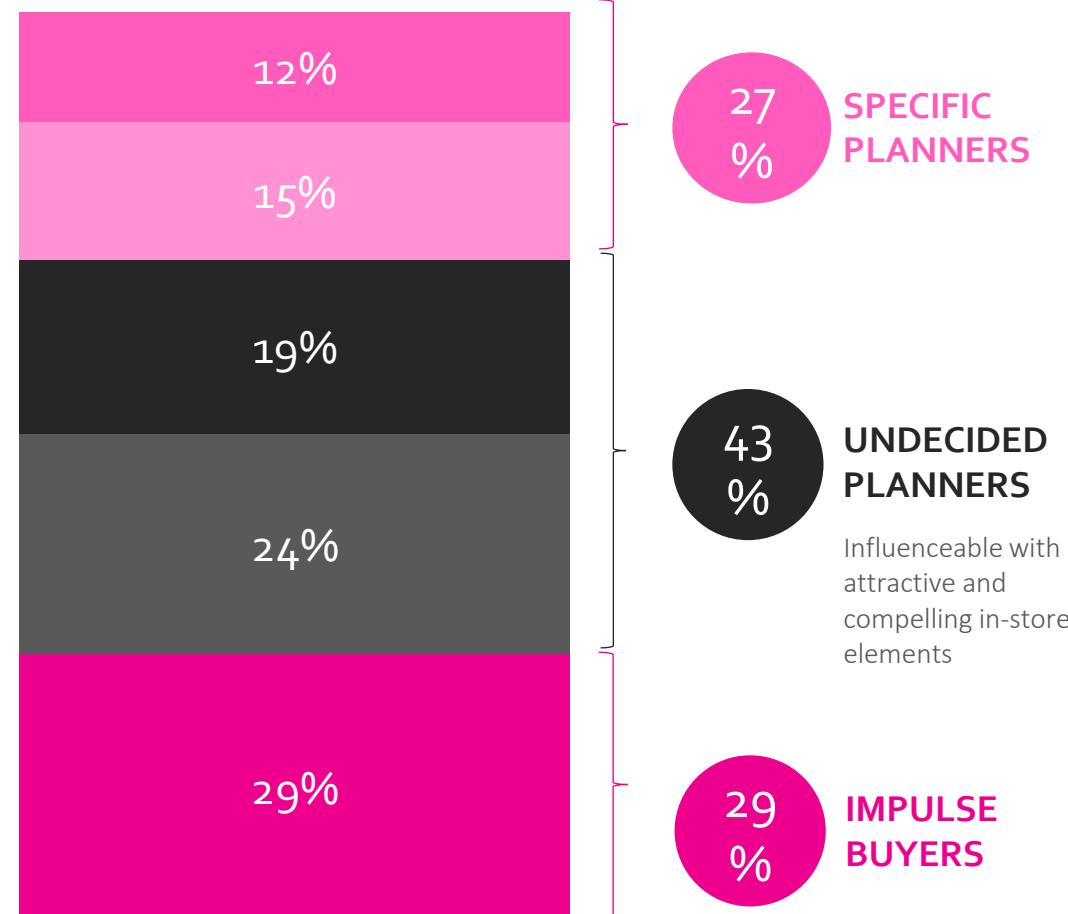
# PLANNING OF PURCHASES

DUTY FREE BUYERS (Q2 2025)



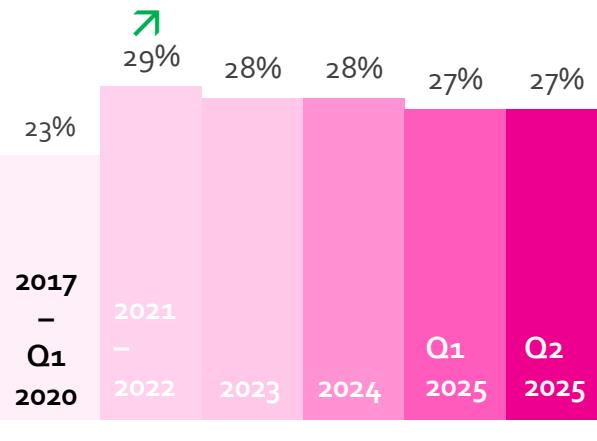
Impulse and undecided buyers make up the vast majority of duty-free shoppers, with just over a quarter planning a specific product or brand. This underscores the critical role of in-store engagement in driving conversions.

- Planned to purchase the exact product
- Planned to purchase a specific brand
- Planned with some idea in mind
- Planned without any specific idea
- Purchased completely on impulse

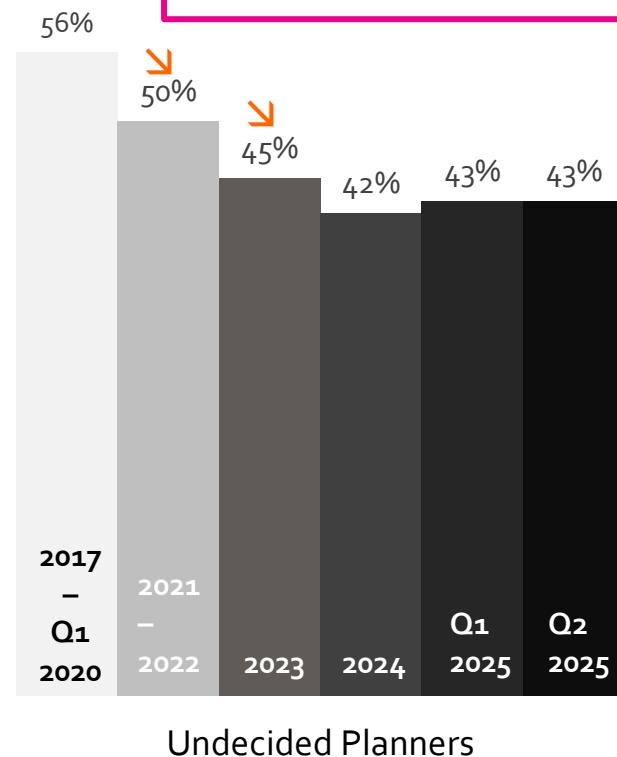


# PLANNING OF PURCHASES

## DUTY FREE BUYERS – TRENDS



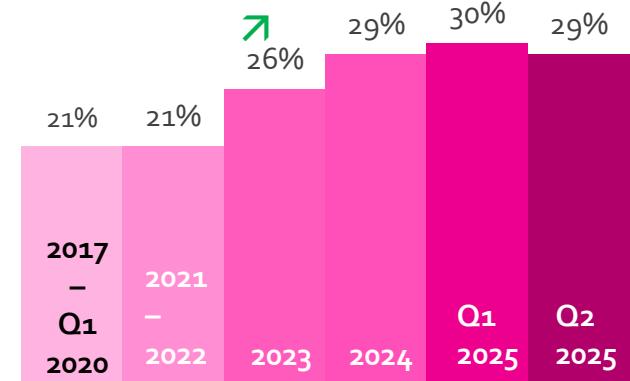
Impulse buying has grown steadily since 2021 and has surpassed the share of specific planners, while undecided planners have declined notably since pre-COVID. This shift underscores the rising importance of in-store influence and spontaneous purchase triggers in the duty-free environment.



Specific Planners

Undecided Planners

Impulse Buyers

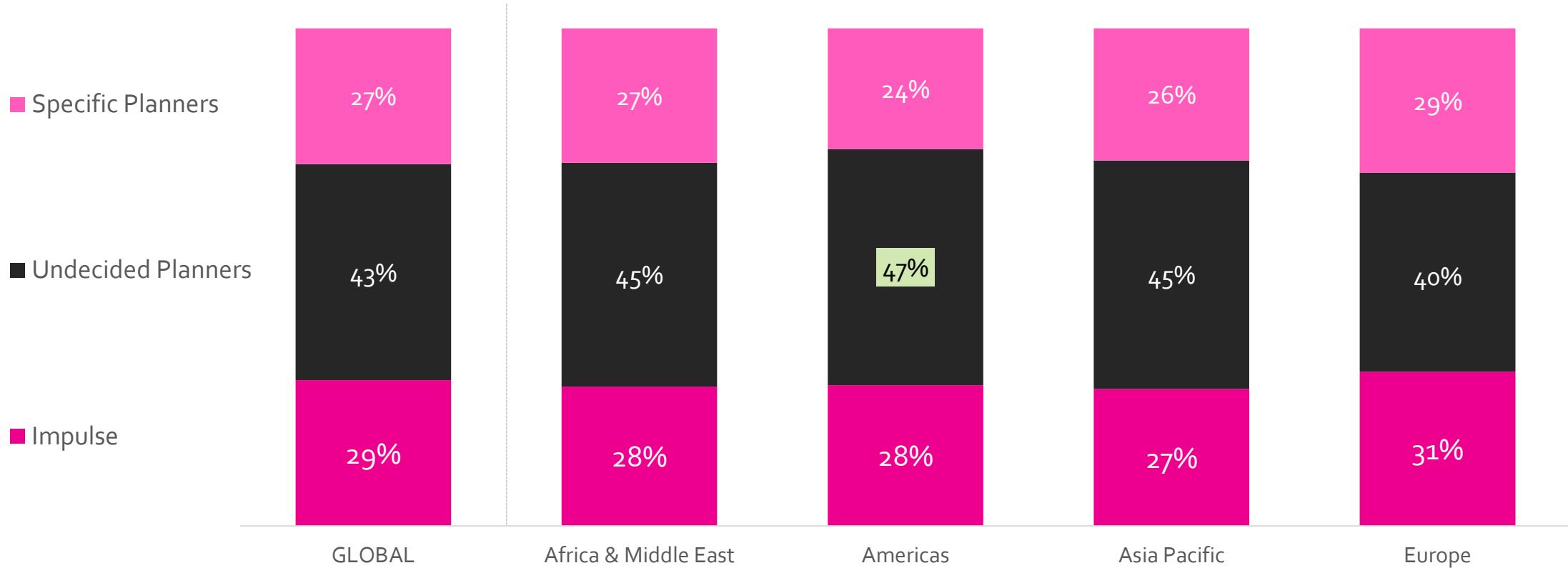


# PLANNING OF PURCHASES

## DUTY FREE BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



Europe has the highest share of impulse buyers, while the Americas lead in undecided planners—highlighting their openness to in-store influence. Planning behaviors remain fairly consistent elsewhere, with specific planners making up just a quarter across most regions.



# MOMENT WHEN DF BUYERS START TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SPECIFIC PURCHASE

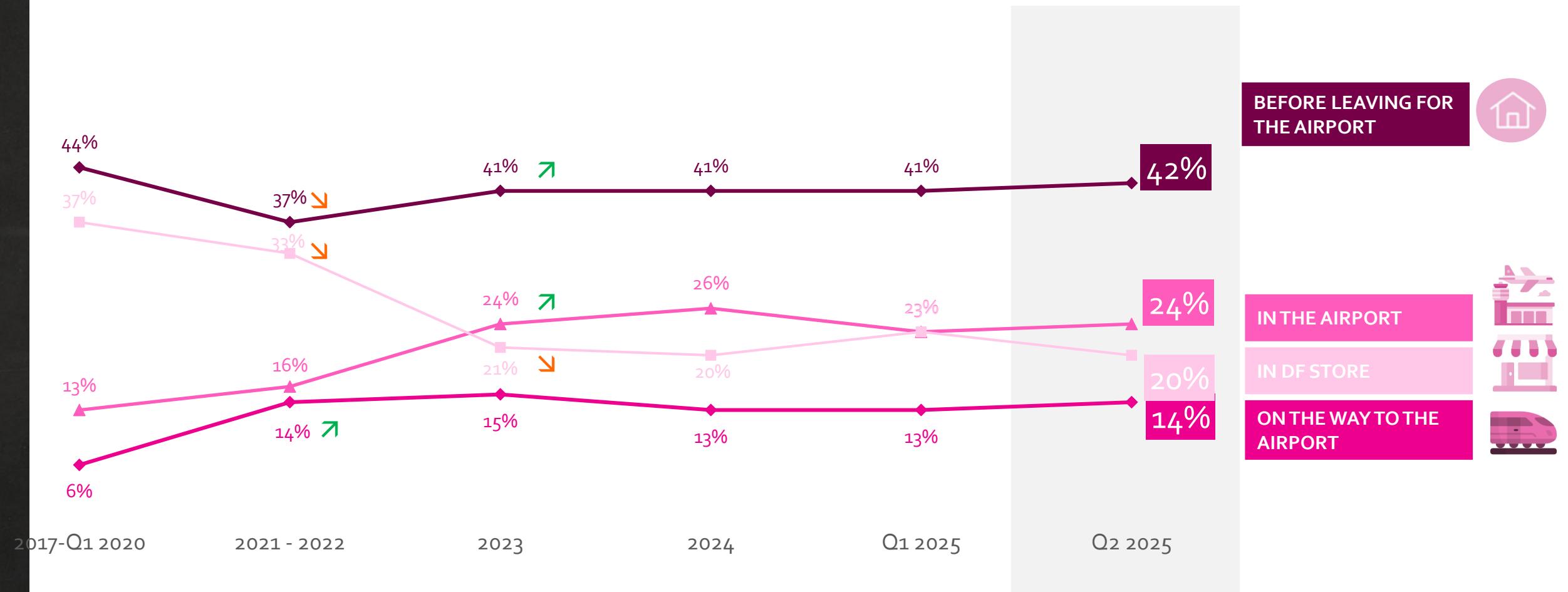
## DUTY FREE BUYERS (Q2 2025)

DF buyers start thinking about their purchase before leaving home, but a significant share only consider it during the journey or once at the airport—underscoring the importance of timely touchpoints along the travel path.



# MOMENT WHEN DF BUYERS START TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SPECIFIC PURCHASE

## DUTY FREE BUYERS – TRENDS



# MOMENT WHEN DF BUYERS START TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SPECIFIC PURCHASE

DF OVERALL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
 BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE AIRPORT	42%	43%	40%	43%	41%
 ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT	14%	15%	17%	12%	12%
 IN THE AIRPORT	24%	23%	23%	24%	26%
 IN THE DF STORE	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%



DF OVERALL

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Which other aspects influence DF decision-making?

# PURCHASES OF PROMOTIONS, FIRST TIME BUYERS & DF EXCLUSIVES

DF OVERALL BUYERS (Q2 2025)



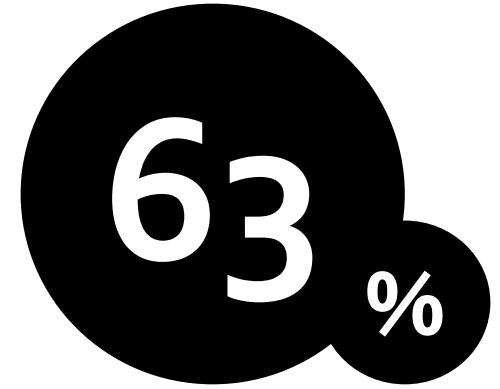
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PURCHASES OF  
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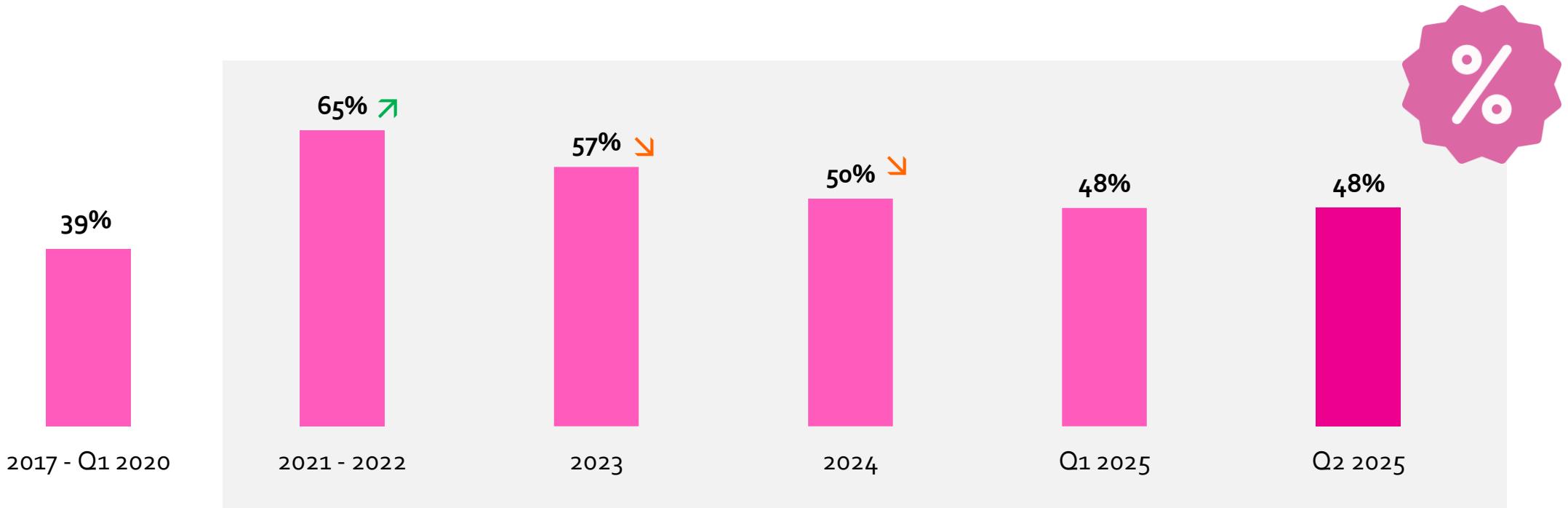


PURCHASES OF UNIQUE  
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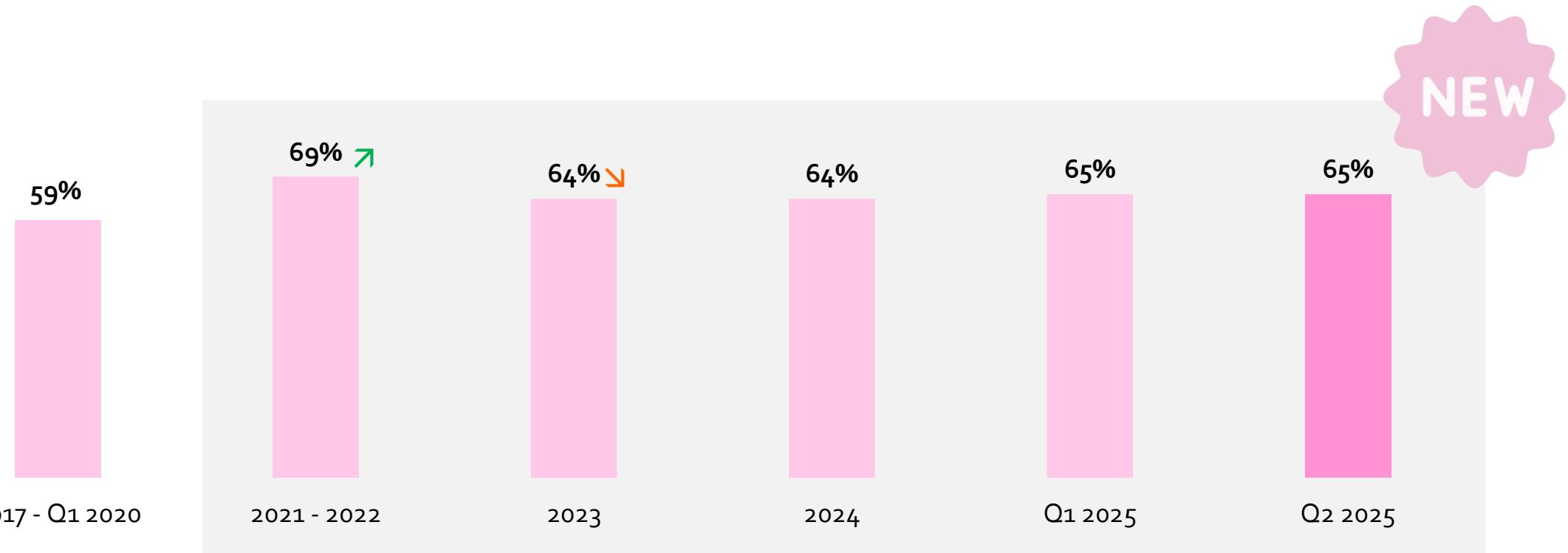
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## DUTY FREE BUYERS – TRENDS



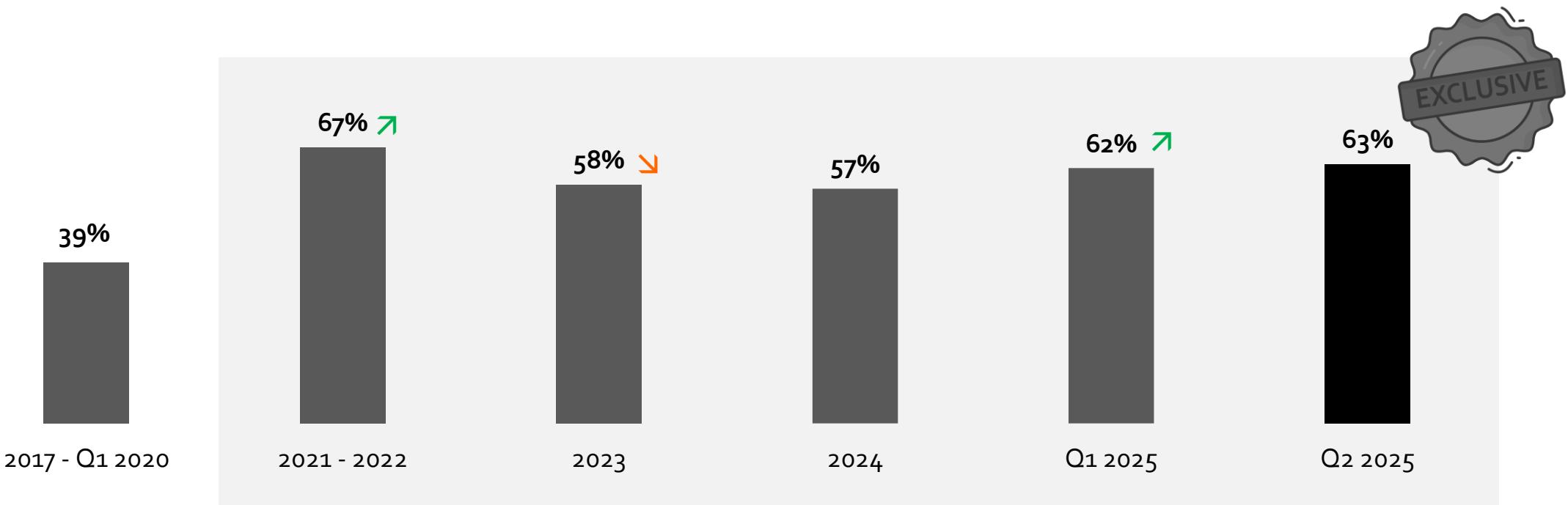
# PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS NEVER BOUGHT BEFORE (FIRST TIME BUYERS)

## DUTY FREE BUYERS – TRENDS



# PURCHASES OF UNIQUE / DF EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS

## DUTY FREE BUYERS – TRENDS



# PURCHASES OF PROMOTIONS, FIRST TIME BUYERS & DF EXCLUSIVES

DUTY FREE BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION



ASPAC leads in promotional and exclusive product purchases, suggesting a stronger appetite for novelty and value.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS ON PROMOTION	48%	51%	48%	52%	45%
PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS NEVER BOUGHT BEFORE	65%	67%	65%	66%	63%
PURCHASES OF UNIQUE / DF EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS	63%	66%	60%	69%	60%



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Do DF shoppers interact with staff? How influential are interactions?

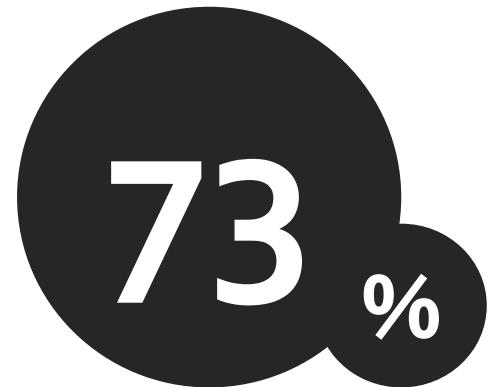
# INTERACTION WITH THE SALES STAFF & IMPACT

DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)

INTERACTED WITH  
THE STAFF



WERE IMPACTED BY  
STAFF INTERACTION  
(out of those who interacted)

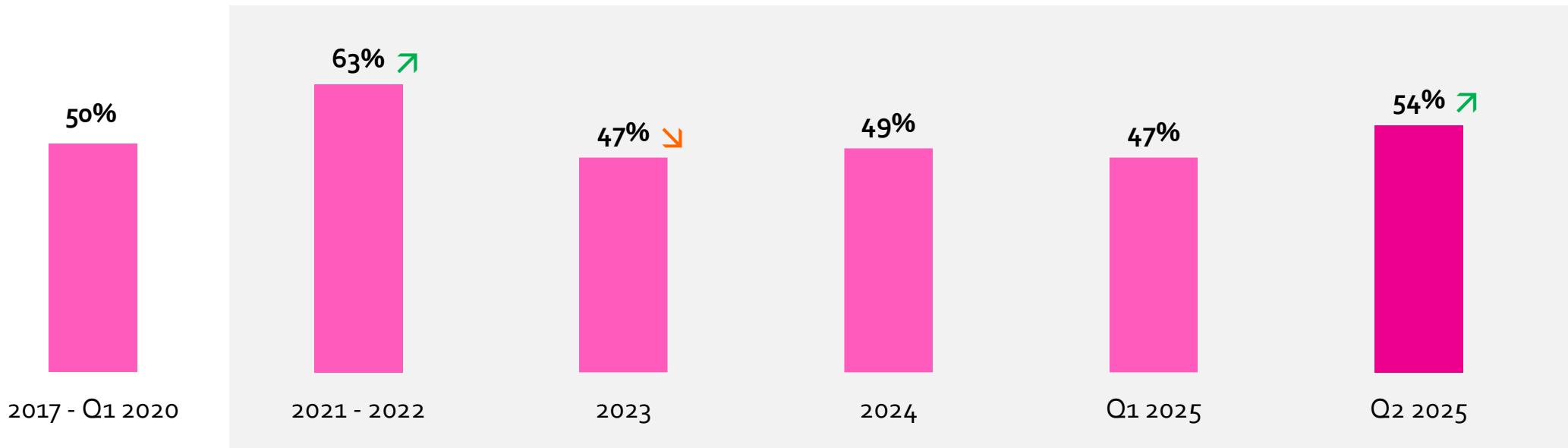


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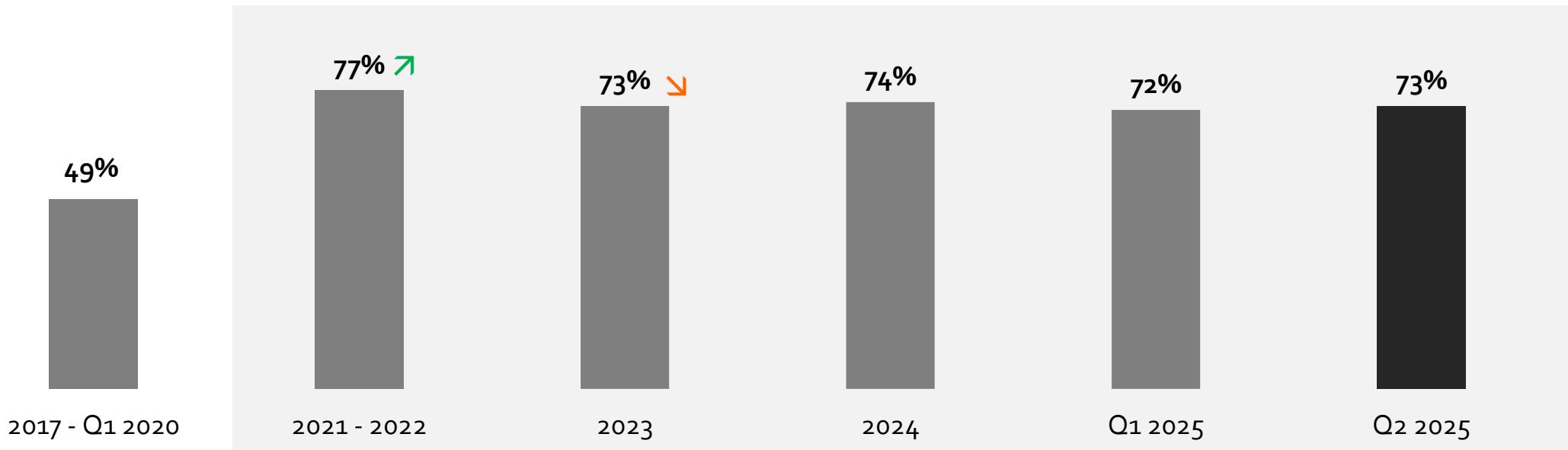
## DUTY FREE SHOPPERS - TRENDS



Interaction with sales staff is trending upward again, showing renewed importance of personal connection and in-store guidance, especially as more travelers shop without a fixed plan.



# STAFF INFLUENCE AMONGST BUYERS WHO INTERACTED DUTY FREE SHOPPERS - TRENDS

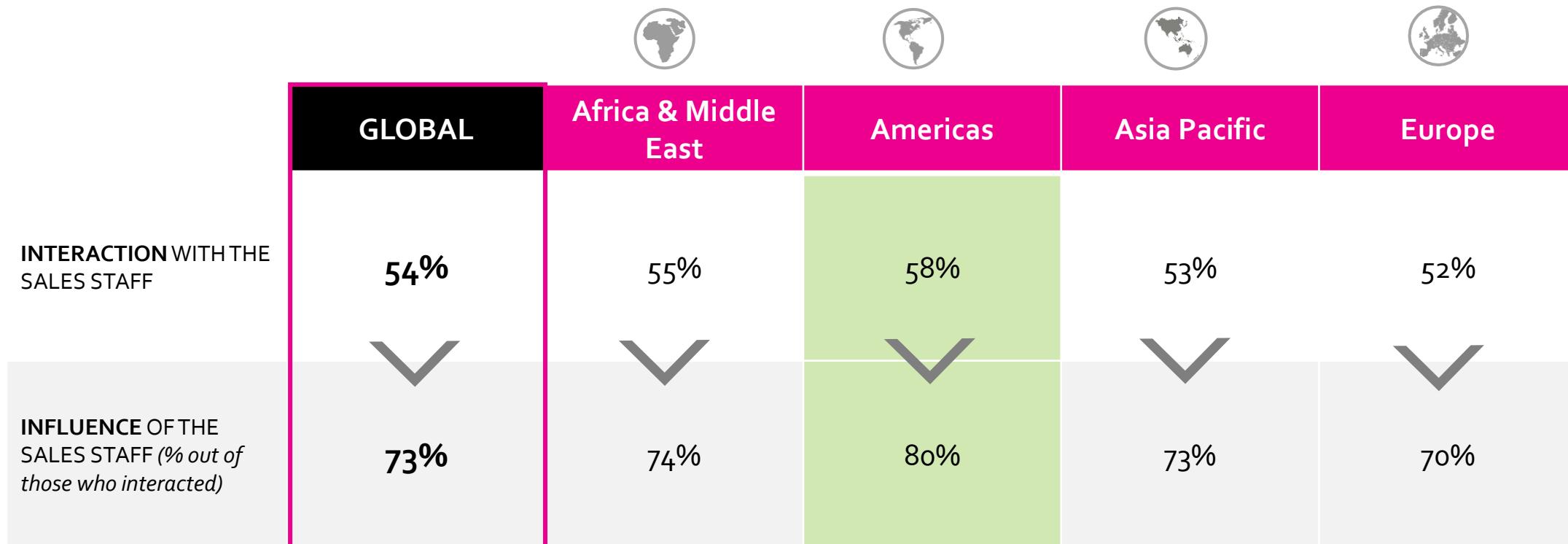


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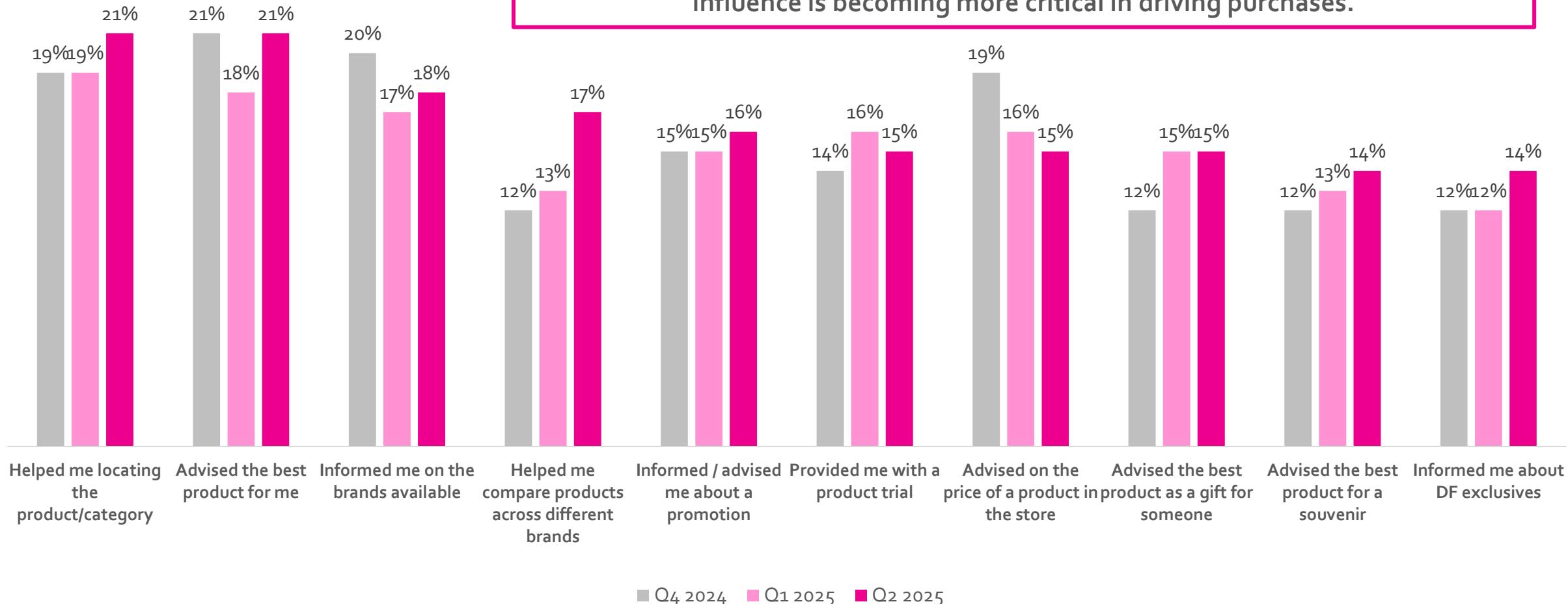


Interaction with sales staff is strongest in the Americas, where staff also have the highest influence on shopper decisions. This highlights a key opportunity: empowering front-line teams to drive conversion, especially in regions where impulse and undecided buying is high.



# TOP REASONS FOR INTERACTING WITH STAFF

## DUTY FREE SHOPPERS - TRENDS



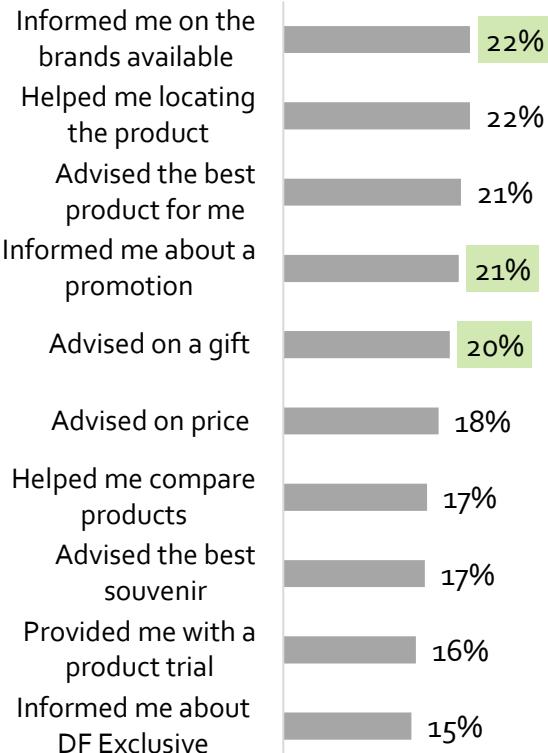
Top reasons for interacting with staff are trending upward overall, with noticeable increases in help comparing products and locating items. This reflects a growing openness among shoppers to engage and seek advice, another signal that staff influence is becoming more critical in driving purchases.

# TOP REASONS FOR INTERACTING WITH STAFF

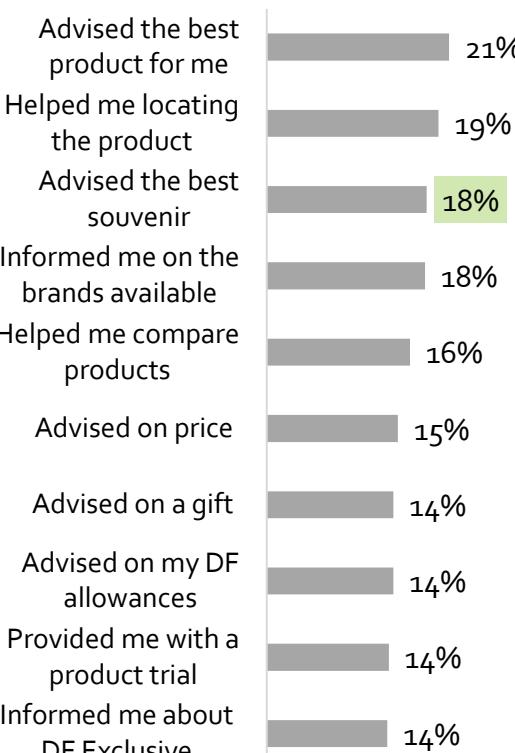
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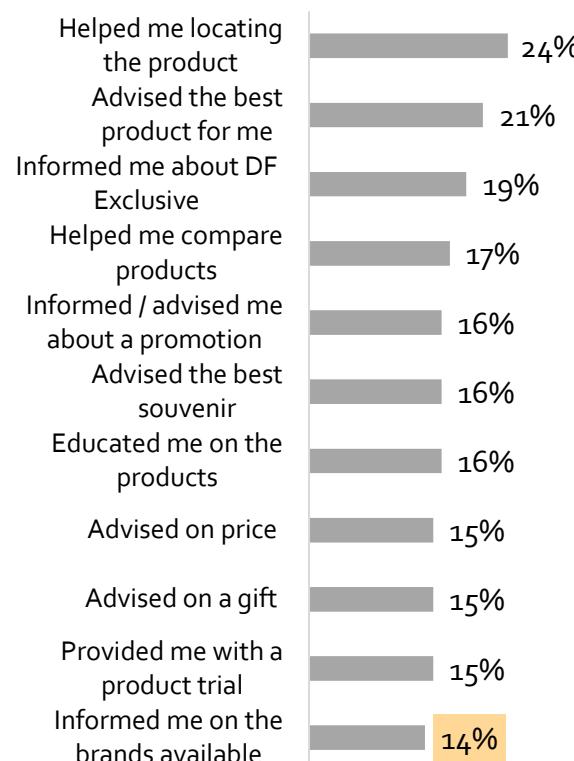
## Africa & Middle East



## Americas



## Asia Pacific



## Europe



# TOP REASONS FOR NOT INTERACTING WITH STAFF

## DUTY FREE SHOPPERS - TRENDS



Even as interactions with staff are rising, nearly half of shoppers still prefer to browse or shop on their own—this remains the top reason for not engaging. That said, fewer travelers are claiming they don't need assistance due to pre-planning, which aligns with the upward trend in staff interaction and its influence.

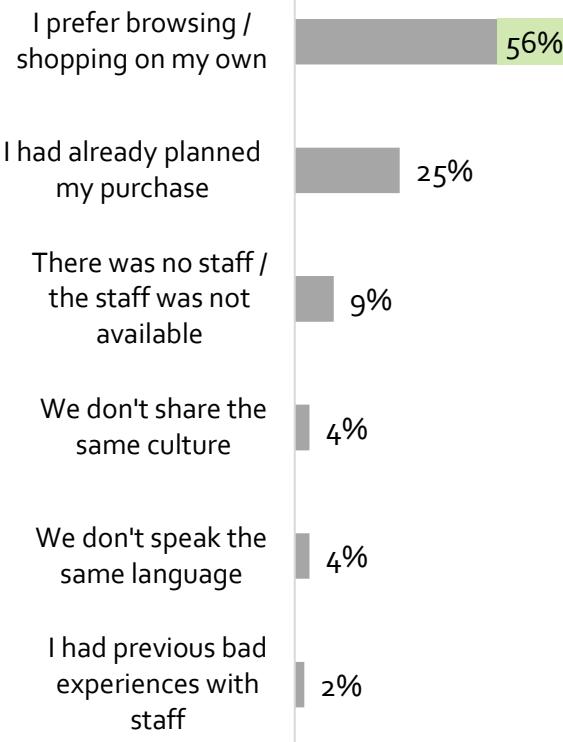


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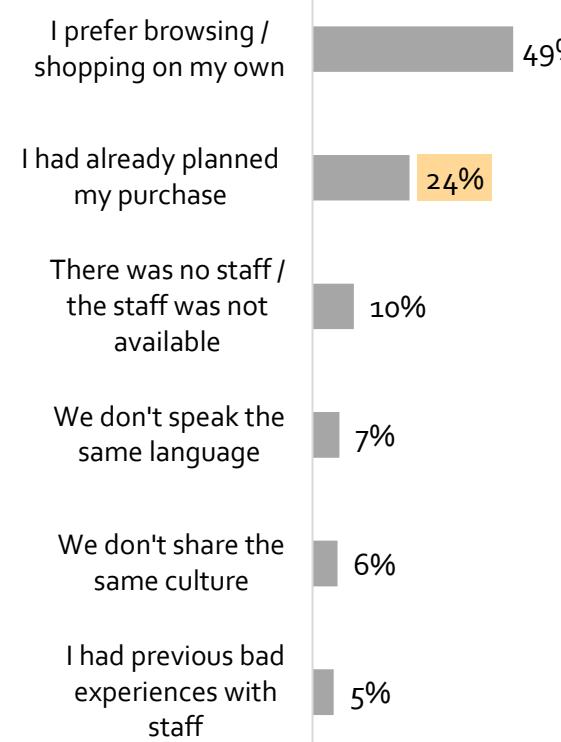
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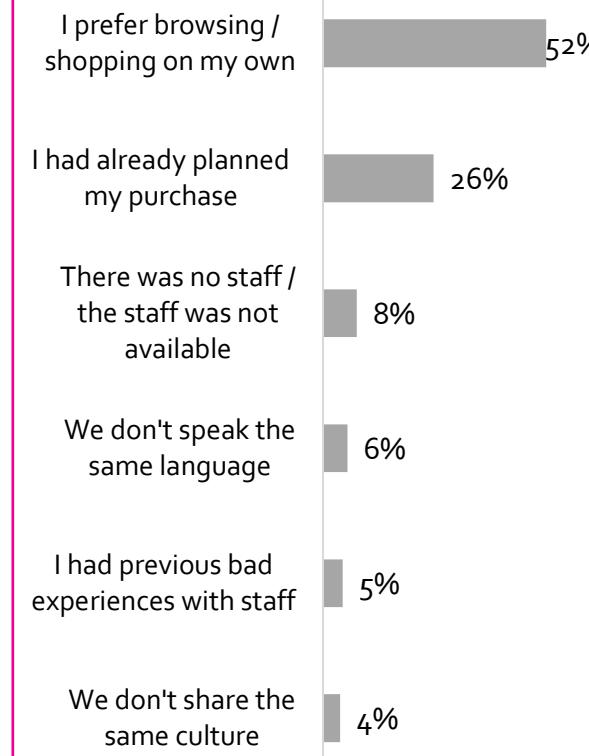
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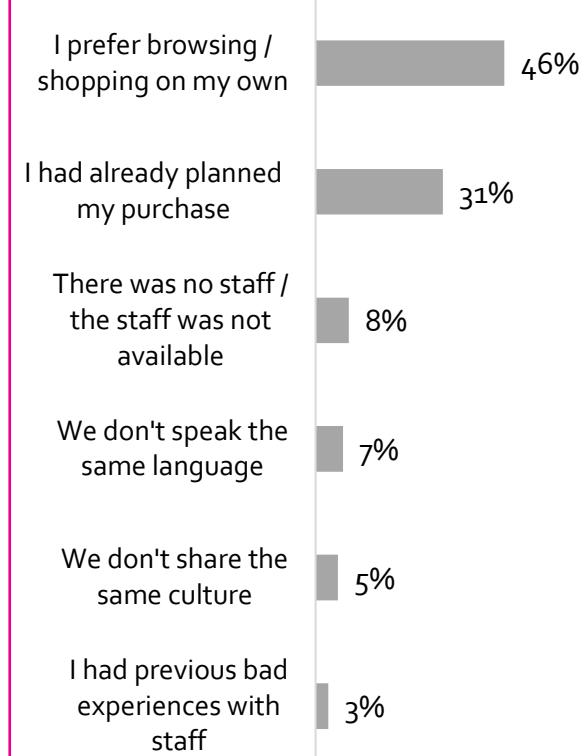
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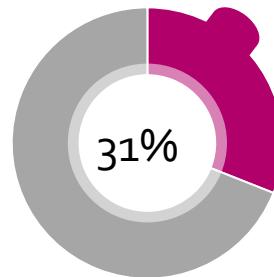
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Do DF shoppers notice touchpoints before arriving at the store? Where do they notice these touchpoints?



# MOMENTS OF EXPOSURE TO PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)



OF DF SHOPPERS NOTICE TOUHPOINTS  
ABOUT THE PRODUCTS BOUGHT  
BEFORE ARRIVING IN THE STORE

Amongst those exposed to touch points

Online



51%

Offline in  
Home City



30%

Stores in  
Home City



17%

Airport outside  
DF store



22%

In-flight



17%

Stores at  
Destination



21%

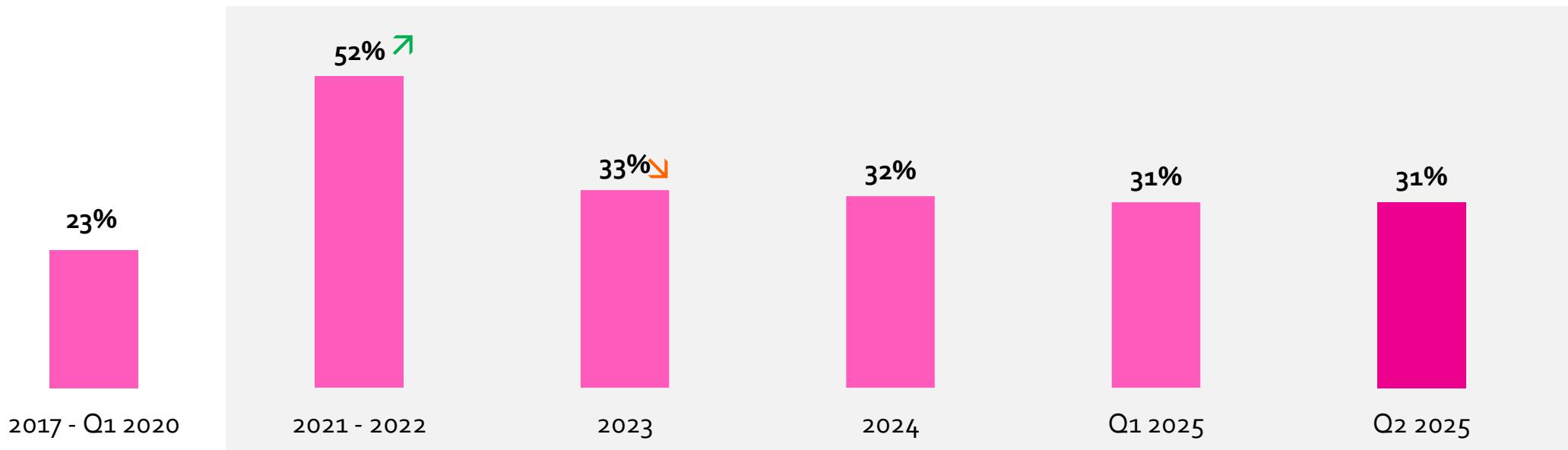
Other Airport  
DF store



13%

# NOTICING PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

## DUTY FREE SHOPPERS – TRENDS



# MOMENTS OF EXPOSURE TO PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

## DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION

Amongst those exposed to touch points

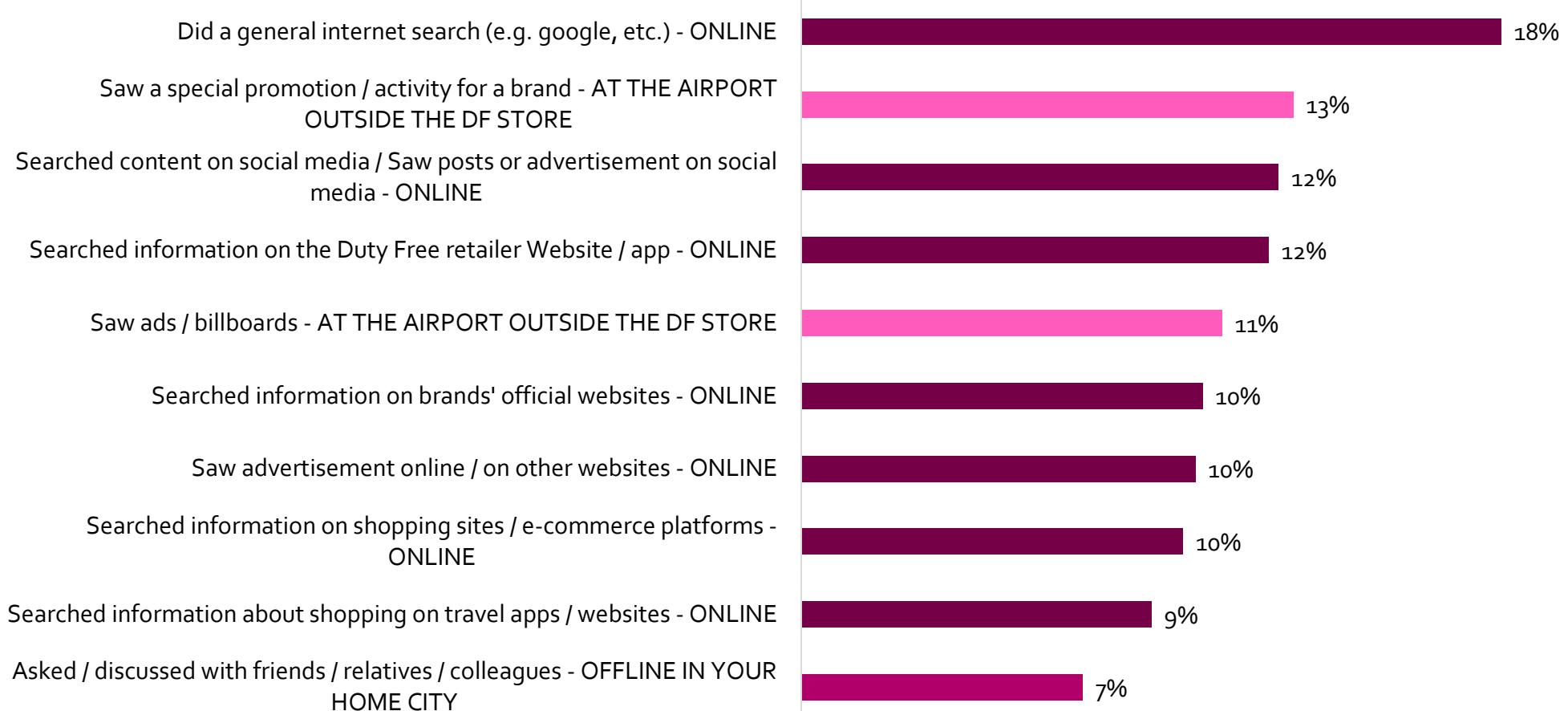
	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
TOUCHPOINTS NOTICED	31%	34%	29%	34%	30%
ONLINE	51%	55%	52%	48%	50%
OFFLINE IN YOUR HOME CITY	30%	24%	30%	33%	30%
AT THE AIRPORT OUTSIDE THE DF STORE	22%	11%	21%	23%	25%
IN STORES AT YOUR DESTINATION	21%	27%	17%	17%	23%
DURING THE FLIGHT	17%	14%	17%	17%	19%
IN STORES IN YOUR HOME CITY	17%	11%	17%	19%	18%
IN ANOTHER DUTY FREE STORE	13%	10%	11%	12%	16%

# TOP 10 INDIVIDUAL PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)

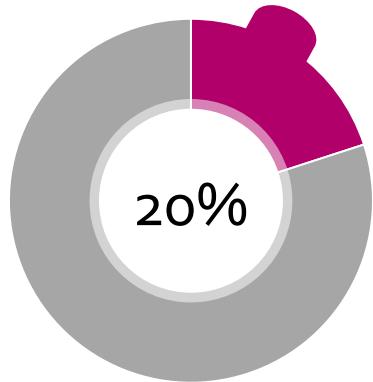
Amongst those exposed to touch points

Digital channels lead pre-store engagement, with shoppers primarily influenced by online search, social media, and brand or retailer websites. Airport-based promotions and offline touchpoints play a smaller but notable role.



# DF PRE-ORDERING: USAGE & AWARENESS

DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)



HAVE PRE-ORDERED AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR DF PURCHASES

## ORDER ONLINE & PICK-UP AT AIRPORT DF STORE

46% are aware of this service

56%  
↘ would be willing to use it

## ORDER ONLINE & HAVE THE PRODUCTS DELIVERED AT HOME

32% are aware of this service

64%  
↗ would be willing to use it



# DF PRE-ORDERING: USAGE & AWARENESS

DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION



Online pre-ordering remains underutilized but shows promise, with higher awareness and interest than actual usage. Pick-up at the airport and home delivery appeal most in MEA, and Asia Pacific—regions where both awareness and interest trend above global levels.



	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
% OF ONLINE PRE-ORDERING	20%	24%	20%	22%	18%
ONLINE PRE-ORDER AND AIRPORT PICK-UP					
Awareness	46%	50%	48%	50%	44%
Interest	56%	57%	57%	56%	55%
ONLINE PRE-ORDER AND HOME DELIVERY					
Awareness	32%	32%	35%	33%	30%
Interest	64%	66%	66%	64%	62%

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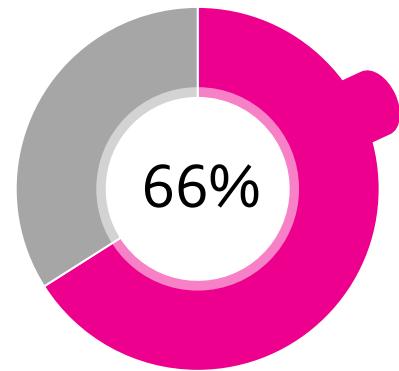
Are DF shoppers mindful of sustainability  
when choosing their products?



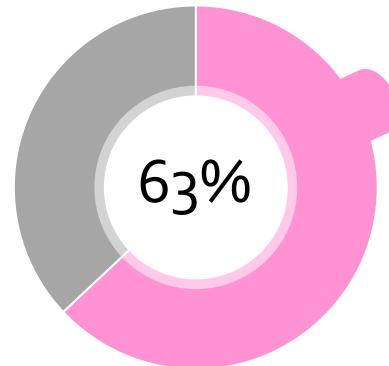
# IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

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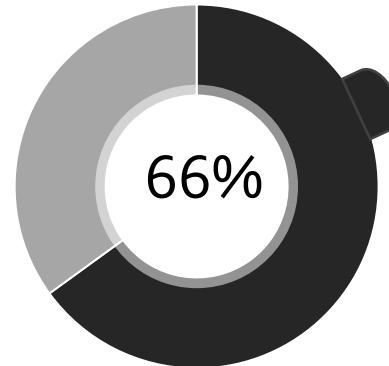
% who consider important to find in Duty Free shops...



Products with **reduced  
packaging or eco-friendly  
packaging**



Products with **eco-friendly  
ingredients**



Products with **eco-friendly  
production processes**

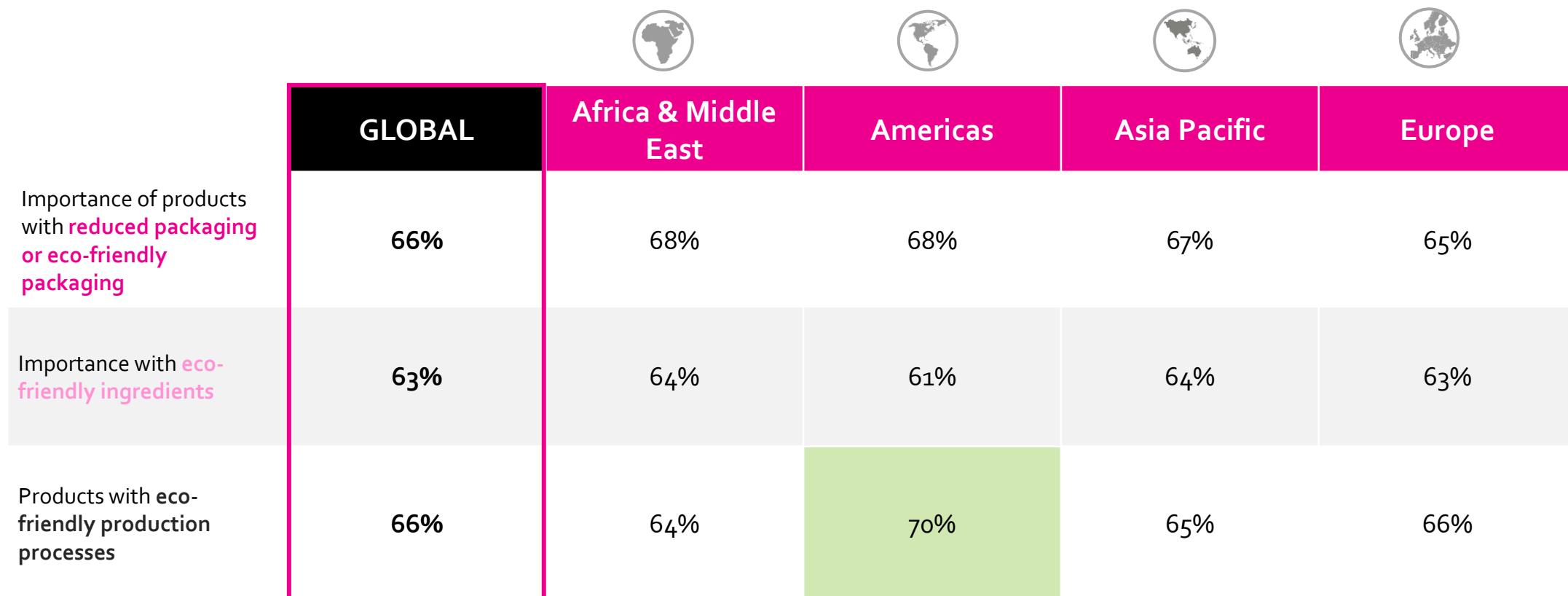


# IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION



Sustainability is now mainstream: shoppers everywhere prioritize reduced packaging and eco-friendly production processes, with the Americas the most demanding on how products are made.

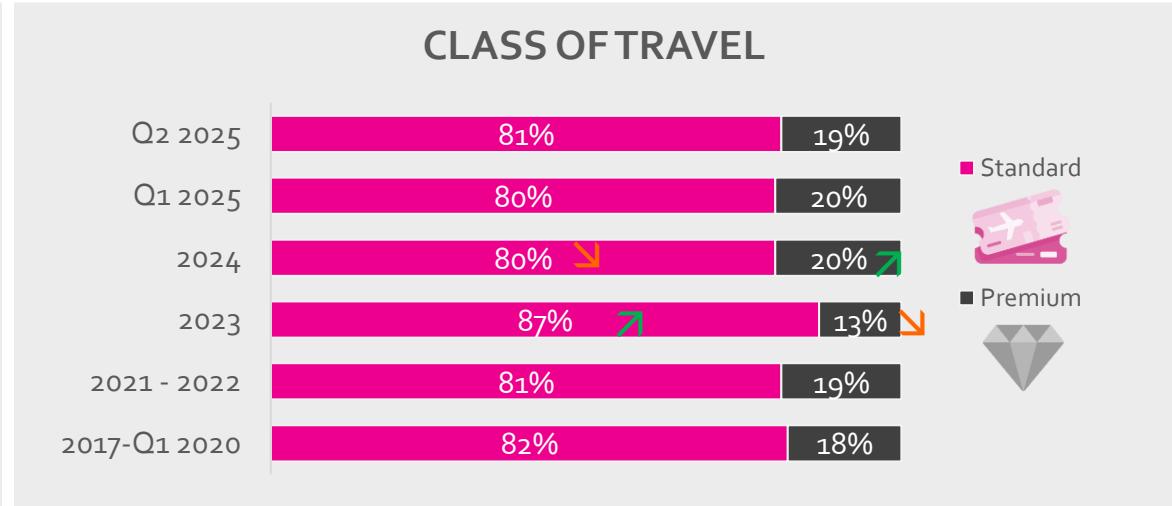
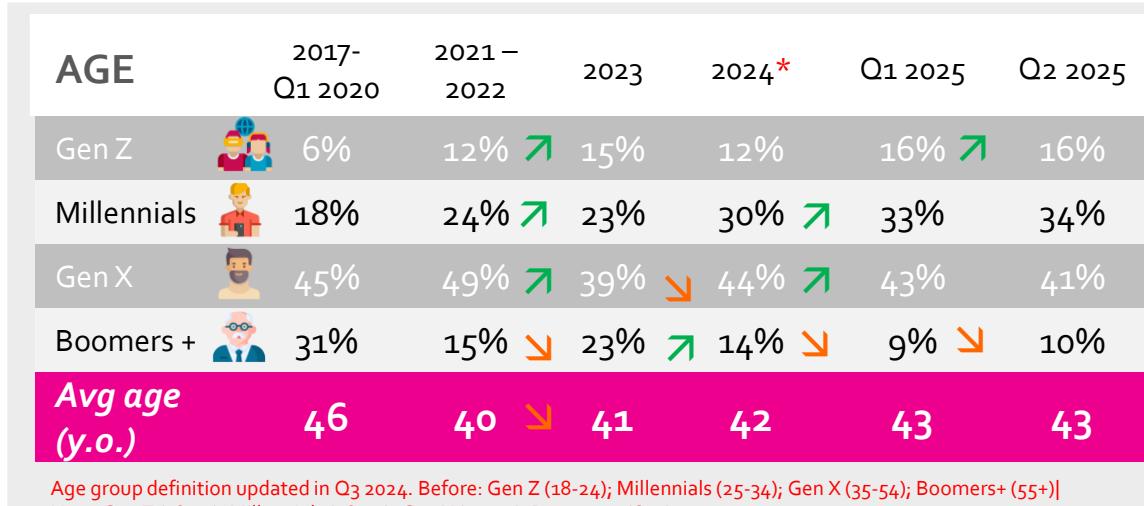
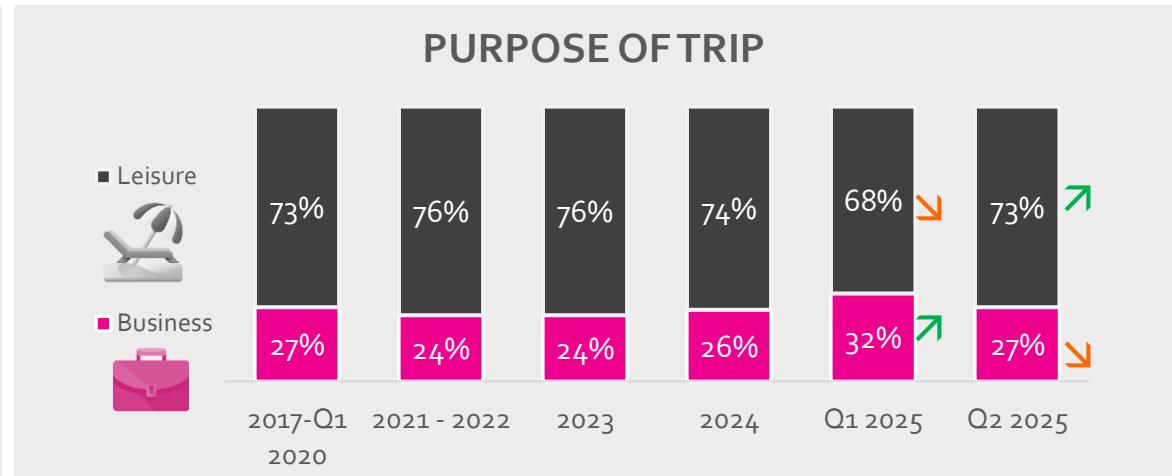
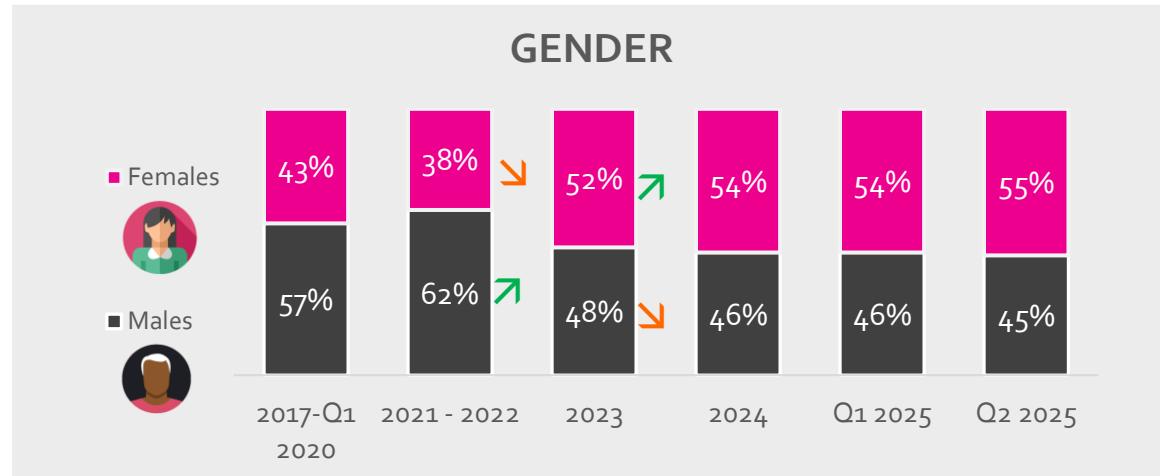


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What is the profile of DF non-buyers Q2  
2025?

# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

## DF NON-BUYERS – TRENDS



# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

DF NON-BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

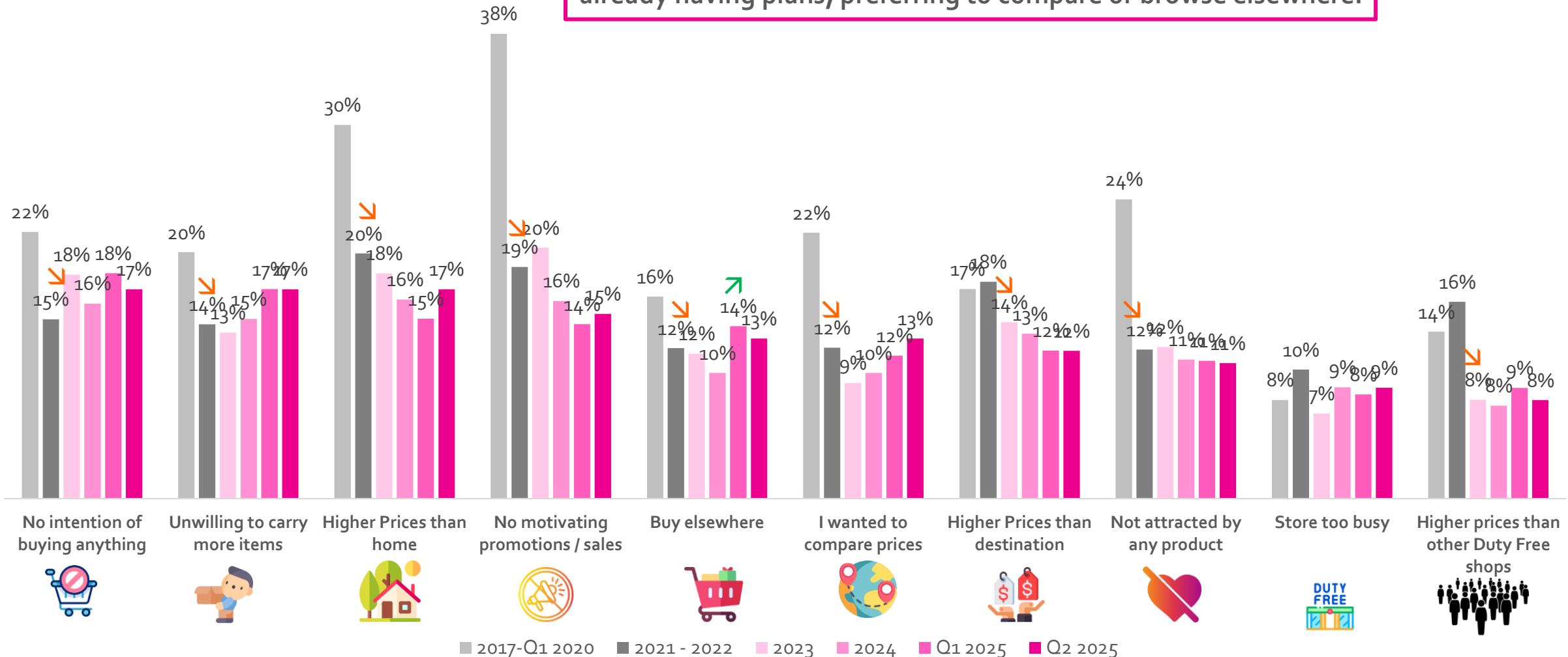
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GENDER	Males 	45%	38%	42%	57%	43%
	Females 	55%	62%	58%	43%	57%
AGE	Gen Z 	16%	23%	12%	17%	16%
	Millennials 	34%	35%	31%	36%	34%
	Gen X 	41%	32%	47%	37%	41%
	Boomers + 	10%	11%	10%	10%	9%
	<b>Avg. age</b>	<b>43 y.o.</b>	<b>41 y.o.</b>	<b>45 y.o.</b>	<b>43 y.o.</b>	<b>43 y.o.</b>
TRAVEL PURPOSE	Leisure 	73%	73%	71%	70%	75%
	Business 	27%	27%	29%	30%	25%
CLASS OF TRAVEL	Standard 	81%	88%	77%	71%	85%
	Premium 	19%	12%	23%	29%	15%

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Why do DF visitors decide not to purchase?

# BARRIERS OF PURCHASE

## DF OVERALL NON-BUYERS – TRENDS



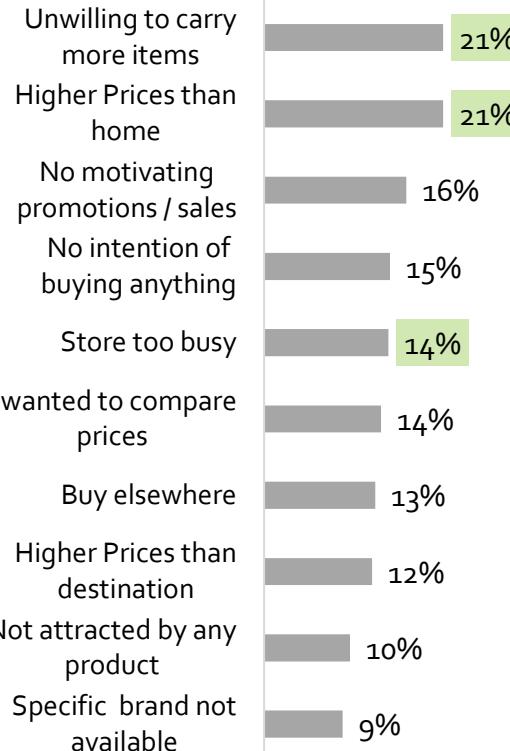
Price remains a key barrier, especially when compared to home or other destinations. Motivating promotions are still lacking for many, though slightly improving. Others avoid buying due to already having plans, preferring to compare or browse elsewhere.

# TOP BARRIERS OF PURCHASE

DF OVERALL (Q1 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



## Africa & Middle East



## Americas



## Asia Pacific



## Europe





# Focus on Alcohol

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# Alcohol Shopping Trends: Q2 2025 (1/3)

#1

## FOOTFALL, CONVERSION & SHOPPING RATES

- † **Eleven percent** of total passengers **visit** the **Alcohol** section in duty-free stores, showing stable footfall rates.
- † **Spending has increased** in the last quarter.
- † ASPAC and MEA show strong conversion despite moderate footfall

#2

## DRIVERS TO VISIT THE DF SHOP

- † **Browsing** remains the main driver of alcohol store visits, reflecting a strong reliance on **spontaneous engagement over planned intent**.
- † Across regions, motivations shift: Asia Pacific shoppers are deal-driven, MEA visitors are drawn by store appeal and self-treats, while in the Americas, browsing often serves simply to pass time.

#3

## DF APPEAL FACTORS & CHOICE DRIVERS

- † The primary reasons for choosing to shop for Alcohol in duty-free stores over local market / online are **lower prices** and **greater convenience**, along with a **wider assortment selection**.
- † Service plays a bigger role in the Americas and MEA, while ASPAC shoppers respond more to promotions. In Europe, the store atmosphere is the key draw.
- † **Value for money** remains the top driver for Alcohol purchases in duty-free stores in Q2 2025, followed by **brand loyalty, self-treat** and **price advantage**.
- † MEA shoppers focus on price and brand trust, ASPAC values ease and peer advice, while the Americas blend indulgence with convenience.

# Alcohol Shopping Trends: Q2 2025 (2/3)

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## PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

- † In Q2 2025, about half of Alcohol purchases were for personal consumption, while the remaining divided between gifting and sharing. Own consumption has gained weight this quarter.
- † Buying for personal use dominates across regions, especially in the Americas and ASPAC. MEA stands out for gifting, while sharing is more common in the Americas.

#5

## PLANNING OF PURCHASE AND TOUCH POINTS

- † A third of buyers now plan their purchases specifically, knowing the exact brand or product they want. Alcohol purchases made completely on impulse have instead gradually increased over the past periods stabilizing in Q2 2025, bringing a more spontaneous approach to the category.
- † The Americas show the most deliberate buying, while undecided shoppers are more common in ASPAC and MEA.
- † More than half of Alcohol buyers start considering their purchases before leaving for the airport. Fewer decide in-store, with more beginning the process on the way to or at the airport. Decision-making in the Travel Retail environment remains therefore rather frequent.
- † ASPAC buyers plan ahead, while those in the Americas and MEA decide later, leaving more room for last-minute influence.
- † The number of duty-free Alcohol shoppers recalling touchpoints has declined again in Q2 2025. Online remains the primary information source, while offline touchpoints in home cities, airports, and in-flight.
- † MEA and the Americas report the highest overall noticeability, while ASPAC lags.

# Alcohol Shopping Trends: Q2 2025 (3/3)

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## INTERACTION WITH SALES STAFF

- † In Q2 2025, staff influence remains stable. Most shoppers acknowledge the crucial role of staff in guiding their purchases, with most interactions being perceived as impactful.
- † MEA lags in both interaction and impact. ASPAC sees average contact but low influence, while Europe and the Americas perform better on both.
- † Visitors mention looking for product location, for brand availability and best product for self consumption as the main reasons to interact with staff.

#7

## OTHER ASPECTS INFLUENCING DF PURCHASES

- † More than half of duty-free Alcohol shoppers expect a sustainable product assortment in the Alcohol section.
- † Discovering promotional or unique duty-free exclusive products now has a greater impact on conversion than before the pandemic. Half of travelers purchased Alcohol products for the first time, showing a growing desire for novelties.
- † Promotions drive purchases in ASPAC and the Americas, MEA stands out for trial, while Europe is more cautious across the board.

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## ONLINE PRE-ORDERING

- † Only a minority of duty-free Alcohol shoppers are aware of online pre-ordering services, despite strong interest in using them. This highlights significant potential for growth in this channel.

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## BARRIERS TO DF PURCHASES

- † The main barriers to purchasing Alcohol in duty-free stores are value-related, including higher prices compared to domestic markets, as well as reluctance to carry additional items.



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How likely were global travellers to visit  
and purchase Alcohol in Duty Free shops in  
Q2 2025?

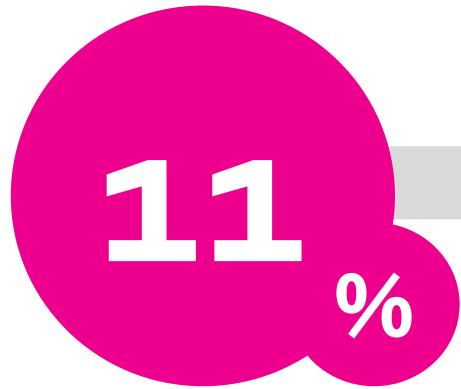
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# SHOPPING KPIs

ALCOHOL (Q2 2025)

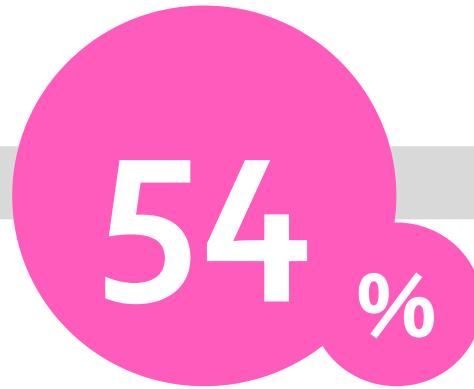
## FOOTFALL

(% of DF visitors out of total PAX)



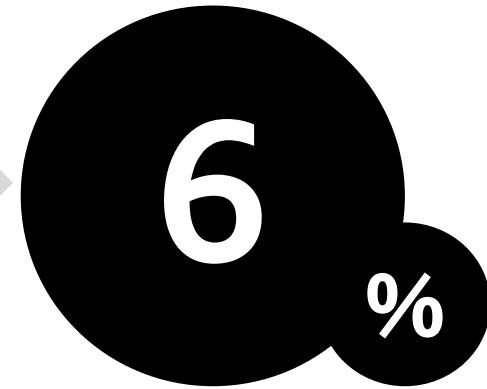
## CONVERSION

(% of DF buyers out of DF visitors)



## PURCHASE RATE

(% of DF buyers out of total PAX)



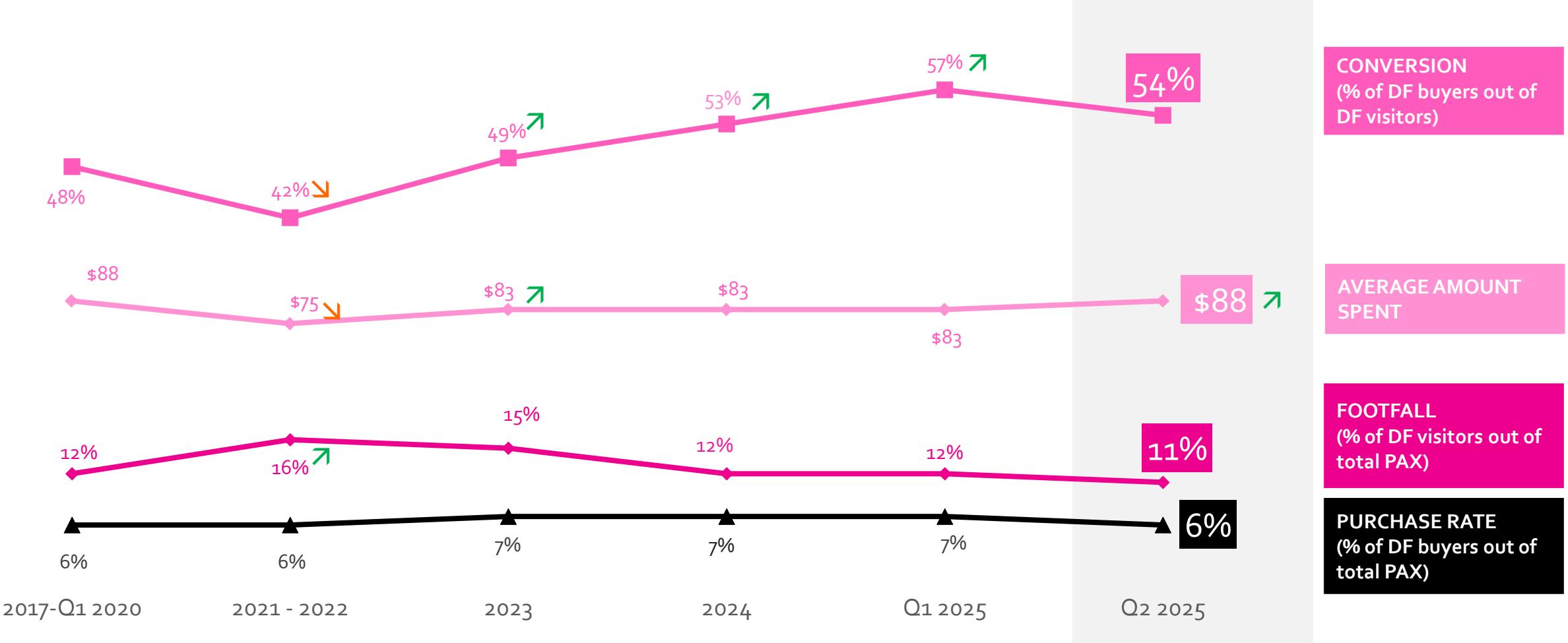
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# SHOPPING KPIs

## ALCOHOL – TRENDS

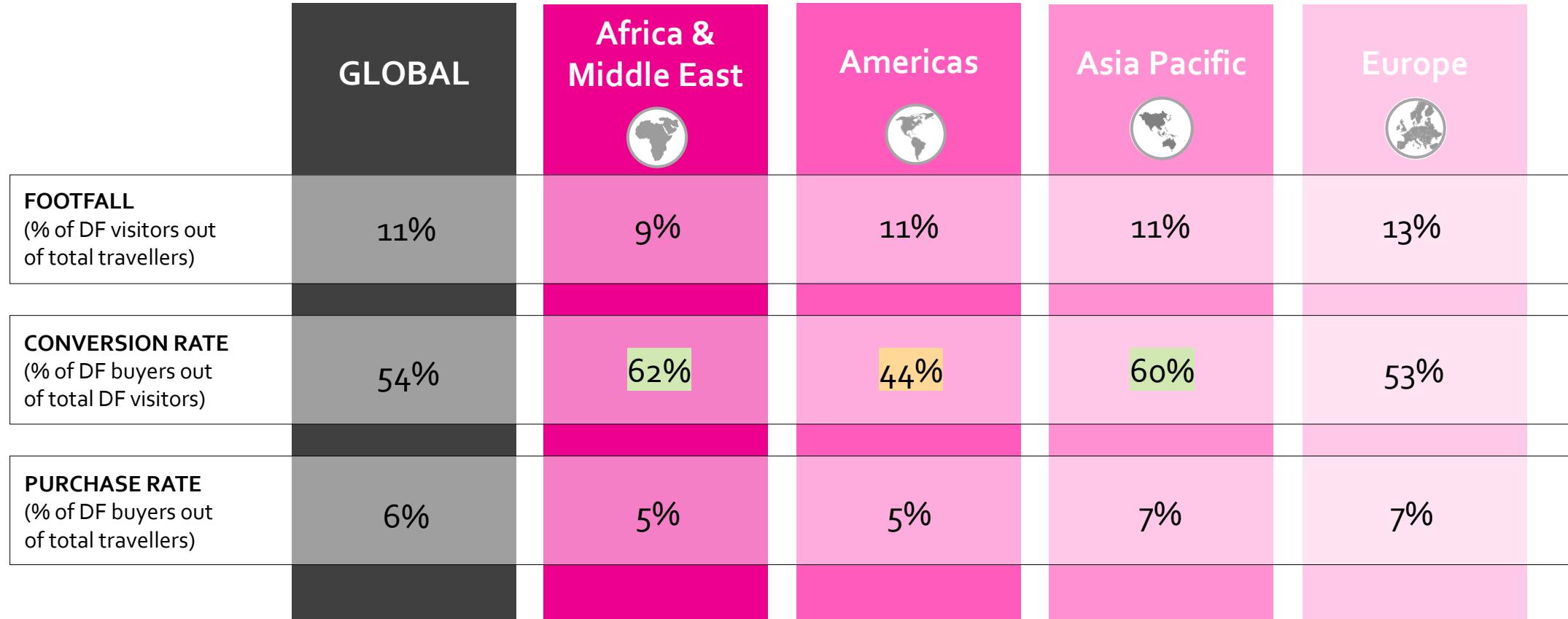
Alcohol KPIs have largely stabilized, with consistent footfall, conversion, and purchase rate. The standout this quarter is spend, which has seen a notable uplift—indicating stronger shopper commitment among buyers.



# SHOPPING KPIs

## ALCOHOL (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION

ASPAC and MEA show strong conversion despite moderate footfall, highlighting highly intentional shoppers. The Americas underperform with a notably lower conversion rate, pointing to weaker purchase intent or unmet shopper needs.



A photograph of two young women standing on a city street. They are both smiling and looking at a smartphone held by the woman on the left. She is wearing a light-colored coat and a dark scarf. The woman on the right has curly hair and is wearing a blue plaid shirt under a tan coat. In the background, there are blurred city buildings and lights.

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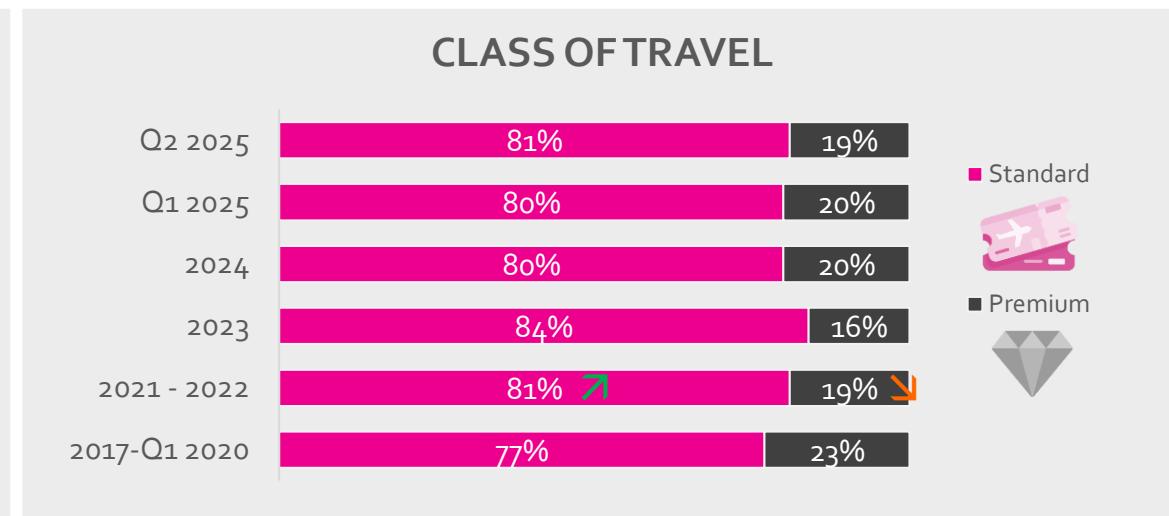
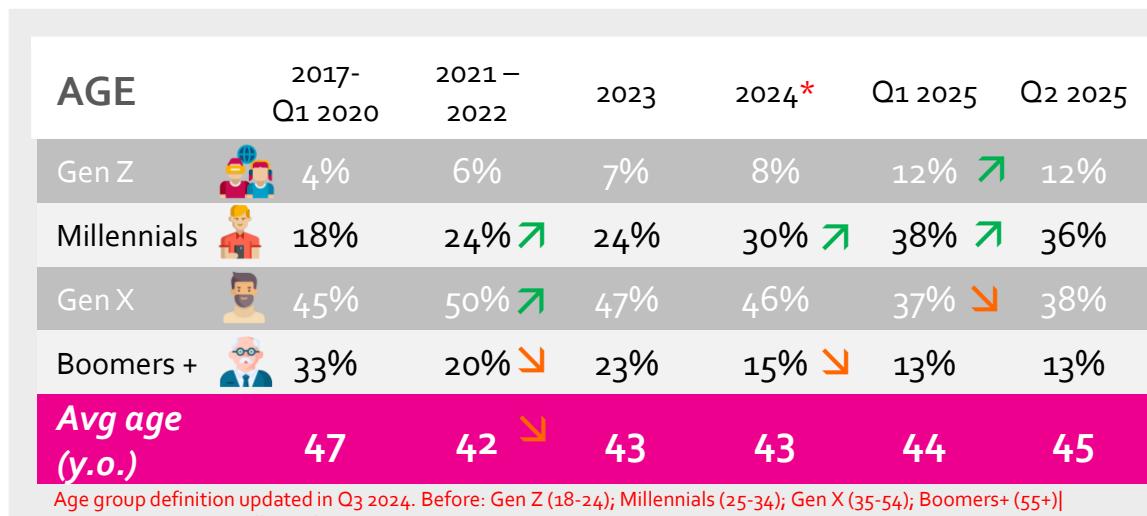
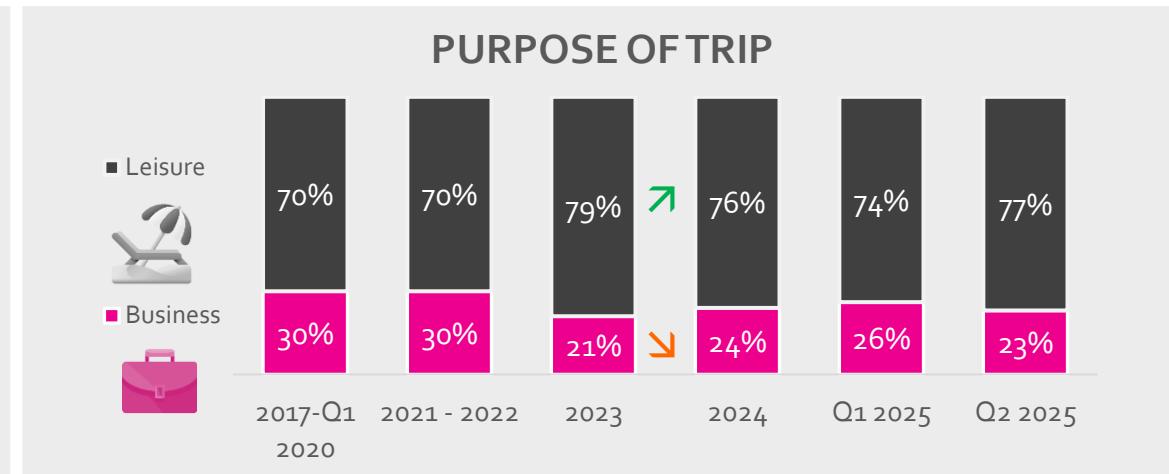
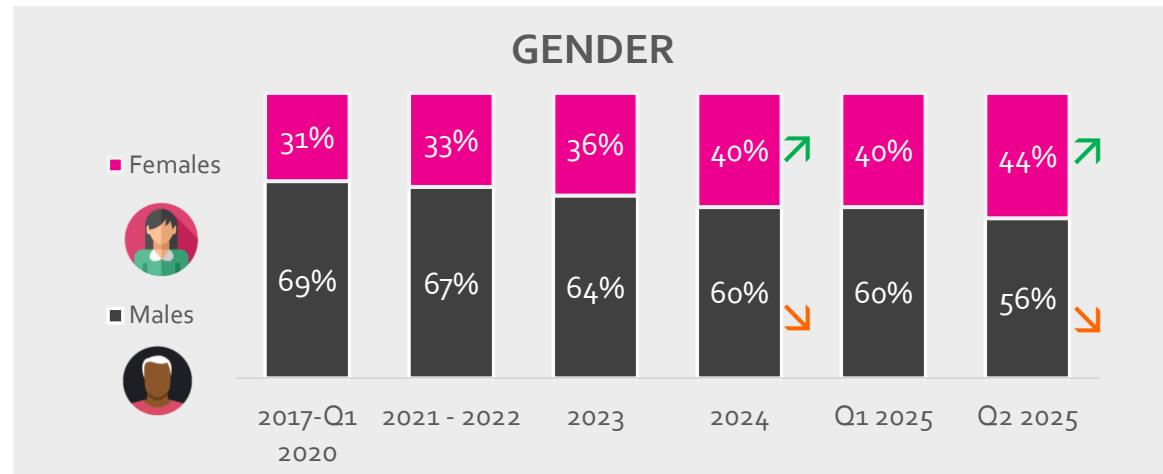
What is the profile of Alcohol visitors in Q2  
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# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

## ALCOHOL VISITORS – TRENDS

Female shoppers now make up a growing share of alcohol visitors, and Gen X dominate age-wise. Most visitors travel for leisure and standard class continues to be the preferred mode of travel.



# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

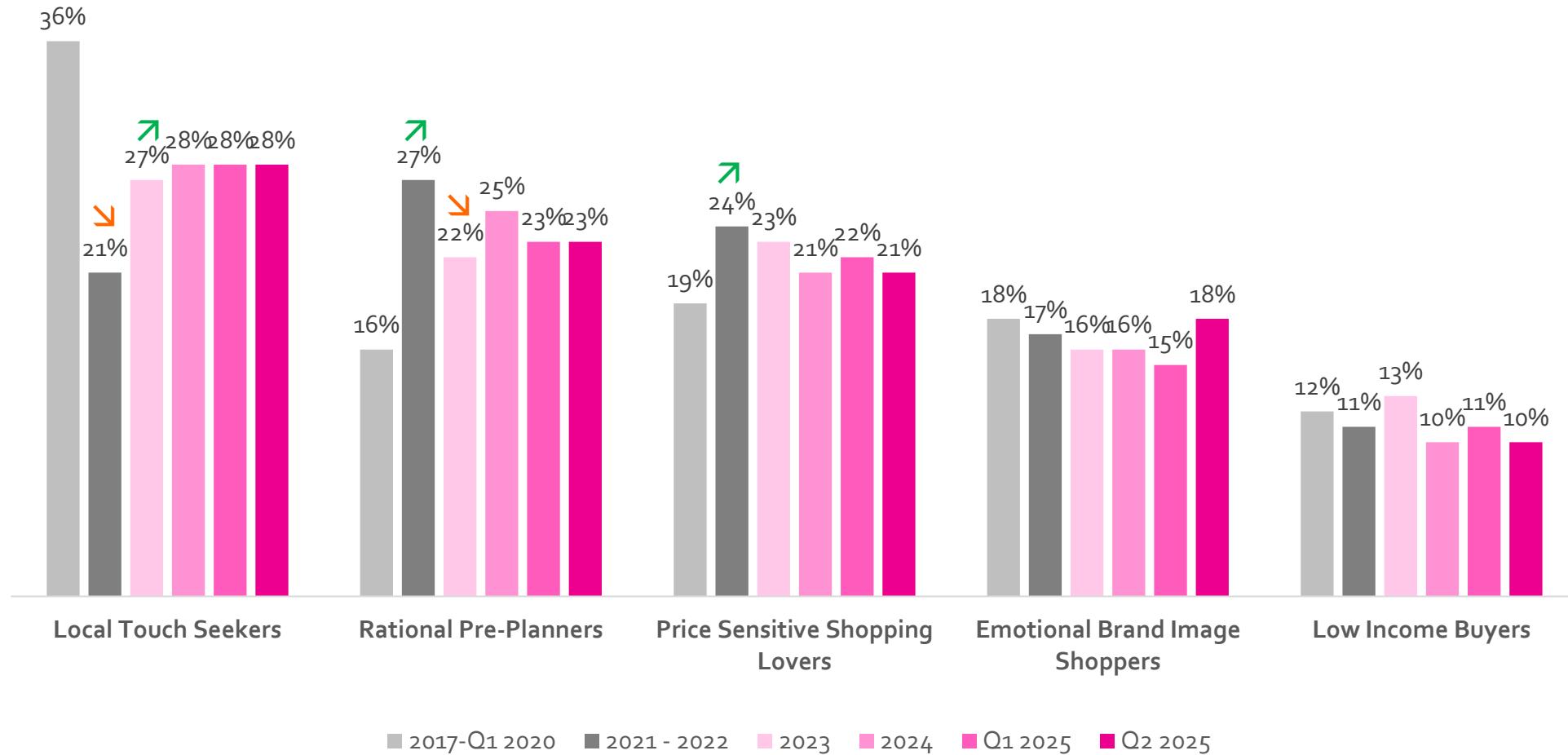
ALCOHOL VISITORS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

In ASPAC and MEA, Alcohol shoppers are a predominantly male and leisure-driven audience, aligning with stronger premium engagement. Europe shows a more mature and premium-oriented base, while the Americas diverge with a younger, more gender-balanced mix, suggesting opportunities for broader appeal and targeted engagement.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
GENDER	Males 	56%	60%	51%	60%
	Females 	44%	40%	49%	44%
AGE	Gen Z 	12%	11%	17%	9%
	Millennials 	36%	37%	33%	43%
TRAVEL PURPOSE	Gen X 	38%	33%	43%	37%
	Boomers + 	13%	18%	7%	11%
Avg. age		45 y.o.	45 y.o.	43 y.o.	44 y.o.
CLASS OF TRAVEL	Leisure 	77%	85%	75%	82%
	Business 	23%	15%	25%	18%
	Standard 	81%	69%	82%	75%
	Premium 	19%	31%	18%	25%
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# SHOPPER SEGMENTS

## ALCOHOL VISITORS – TRENDS





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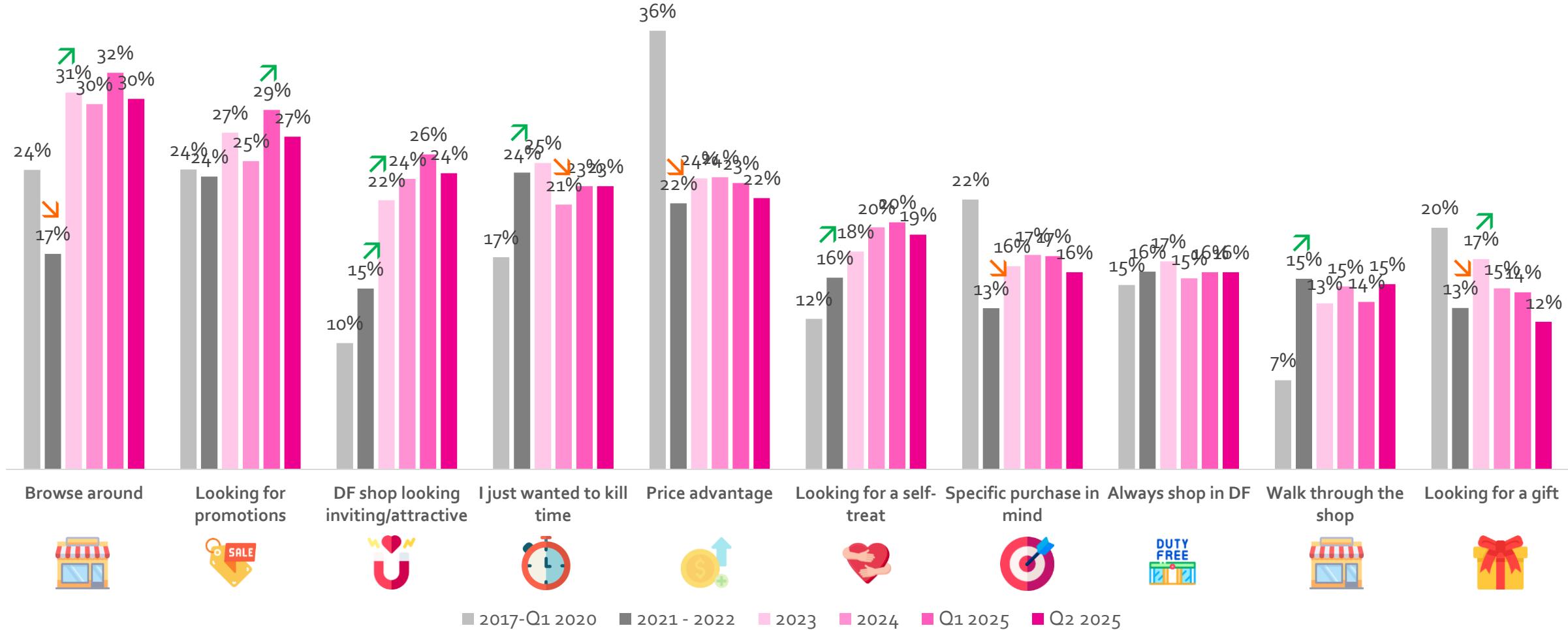
What motivates travellers to visit the  
Alcohol category the Duty Free shops?

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# TOP DRIVERS OF VISITS

ALCOHOL (Q2 2025)

Browsing holds its position as the leading driver of alcohol store visits, underscoring the category's reliance on spontaneous interest rather than deliberate purchase intent.



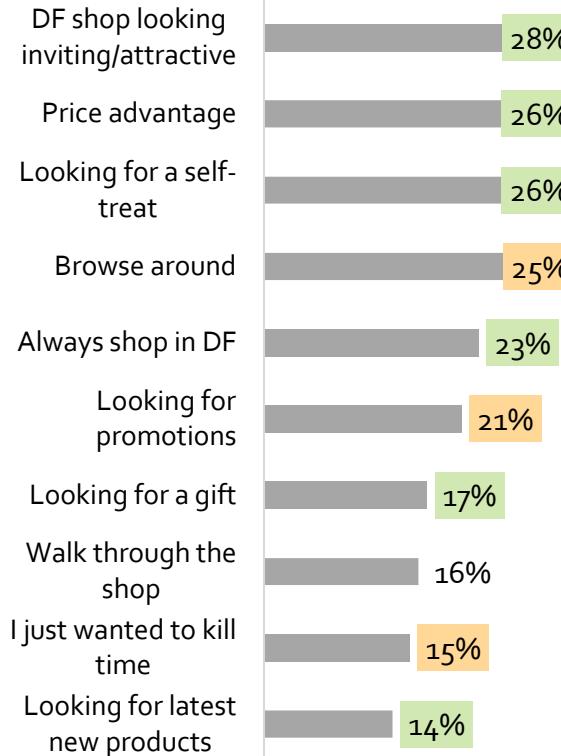
# TOP DRIVERS OF VISITS

ALCOHOL (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

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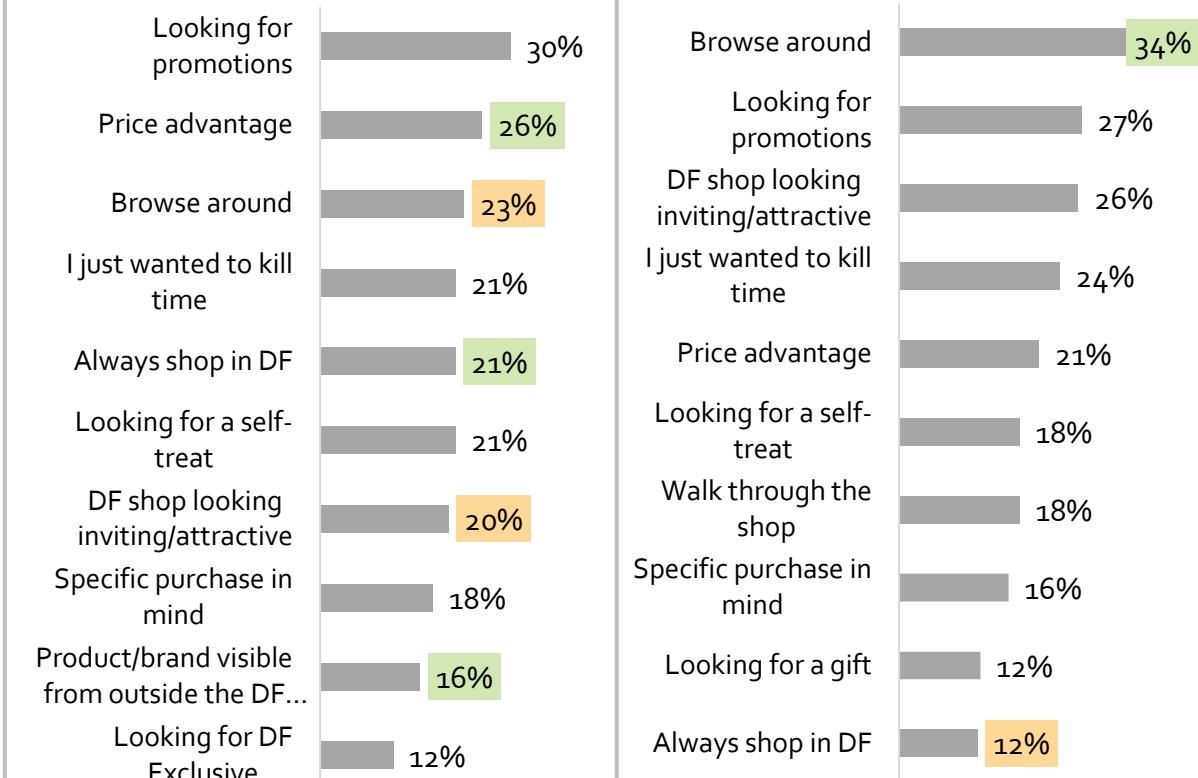
## Africa & Middle East



## Americas



## Asia Pacific



## Europe



A photograph of a young woman with short brown hair, smiling and holding a clear glass containing a dark liquid, likely alcohol. She is wearing a white button-down shirt. The background shows a blurred interior of a restaurant or bar with other patrons and tables.

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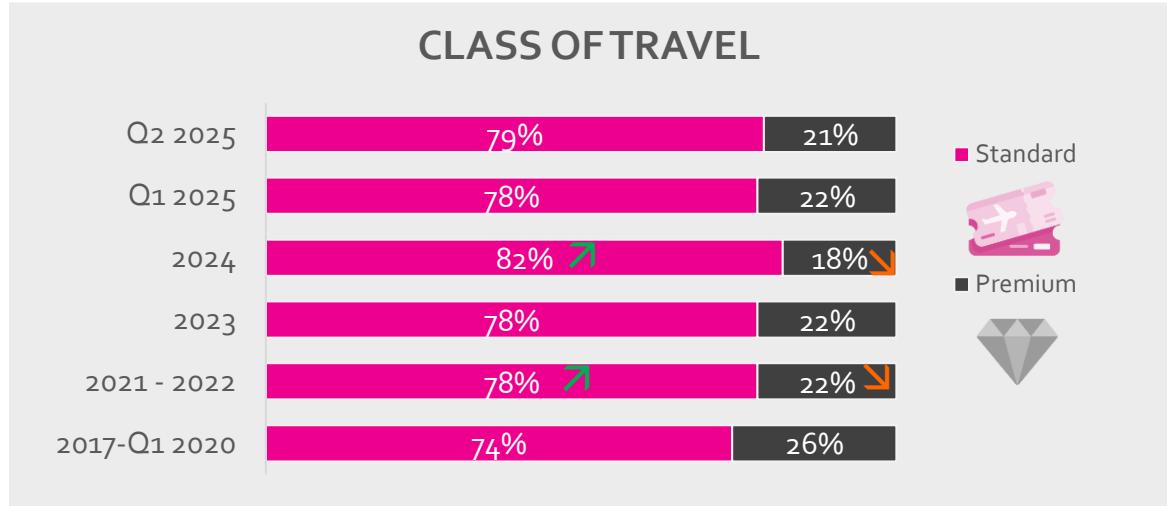
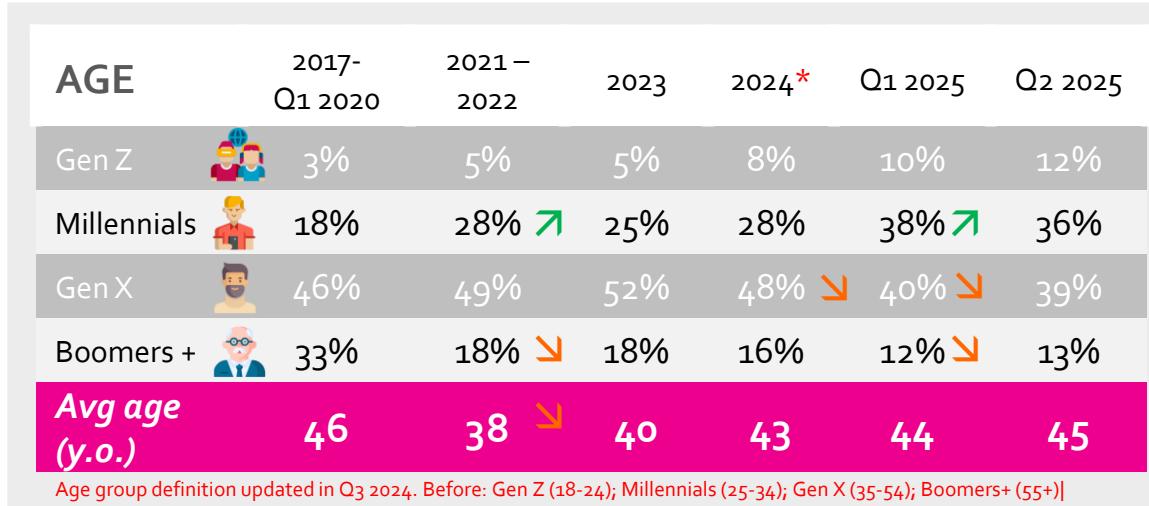
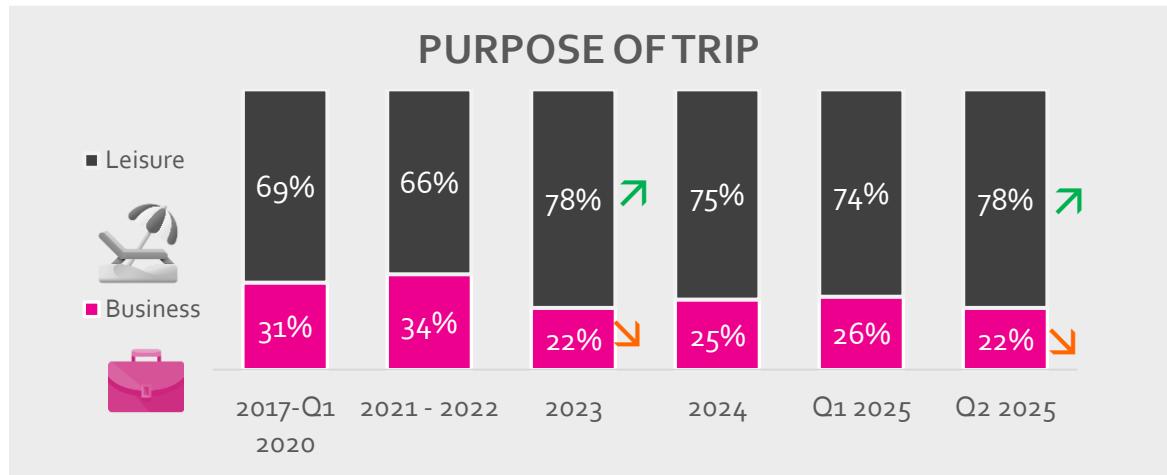
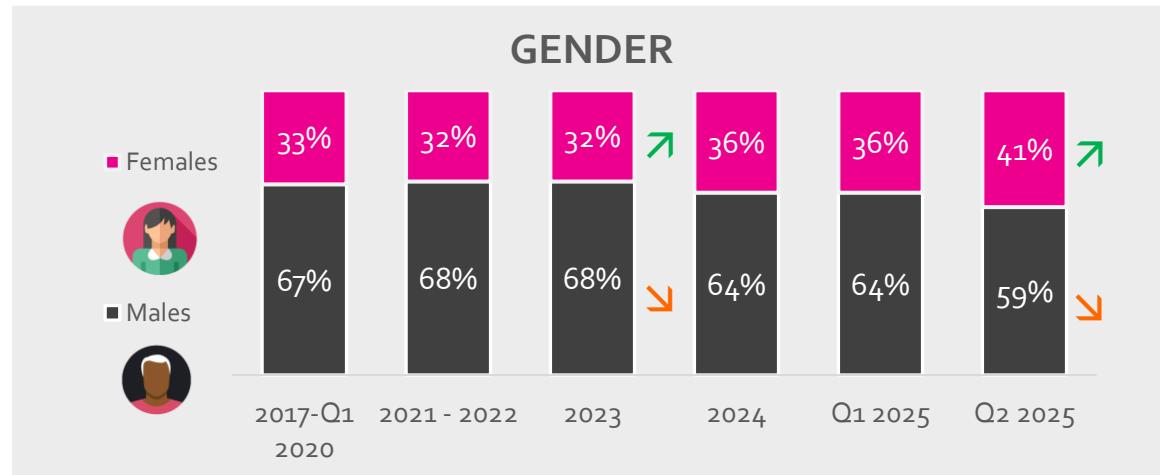
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# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

## ALCOHOL BUYERS – TRENDS

Female alcohol buyers continue to grow, with Millennials and Gen Z gaining share. Buyers are mainly leisure travelers, mostly flying standard class.



# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

## ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

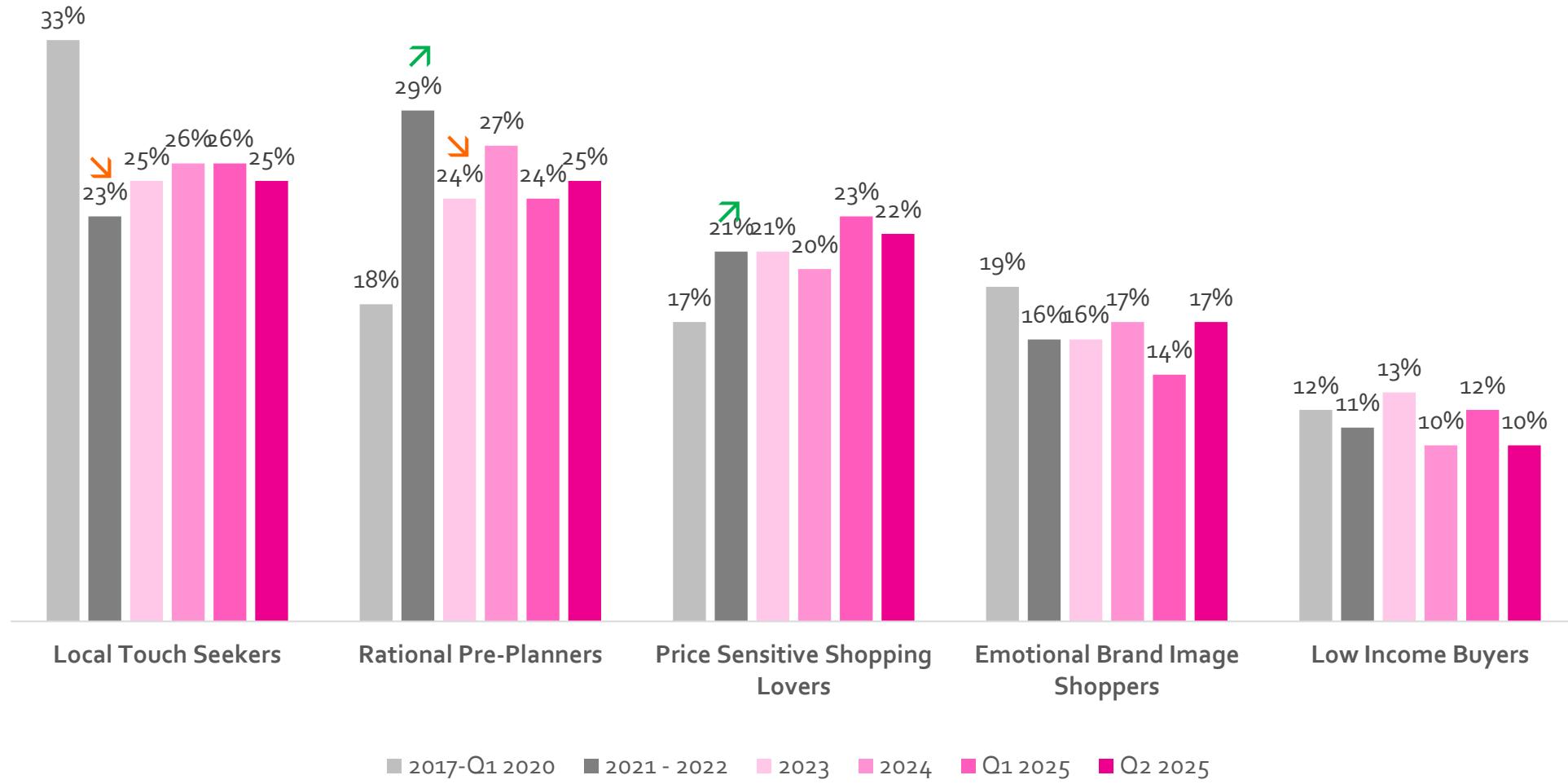


Alcohol buyers in the Americas stand out for their younger profile and higher share of Gen Z and female travellers. MEA has the highest share of millennials and strongest premium orientation.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
GENDER	Males	59%	67%	59%	59%
	Females	31%	33%	41%	41%
AGE	Gen Z	12%	9%	19%	13%
	Millennials	36%	41%	34%	35%
TRAVEL PURPOSE	Middle Aged	39%	31%	41%	41%
	Seniors	13%	17%	7%	11%
Avg. age		45 y.o.	46 y.o.	42 y.o.	44 y.o.
CLASS OF TRAVEL	Leisure	78%	86%	80%	74%
	Business	22%	14%	20%	19%
	Standard	79%	63%	84%	79%
	Premium	21%	37%	16%	21%

# SHOPPER SEGMENTS

## ALCOHOL BUYERS – TRENDS



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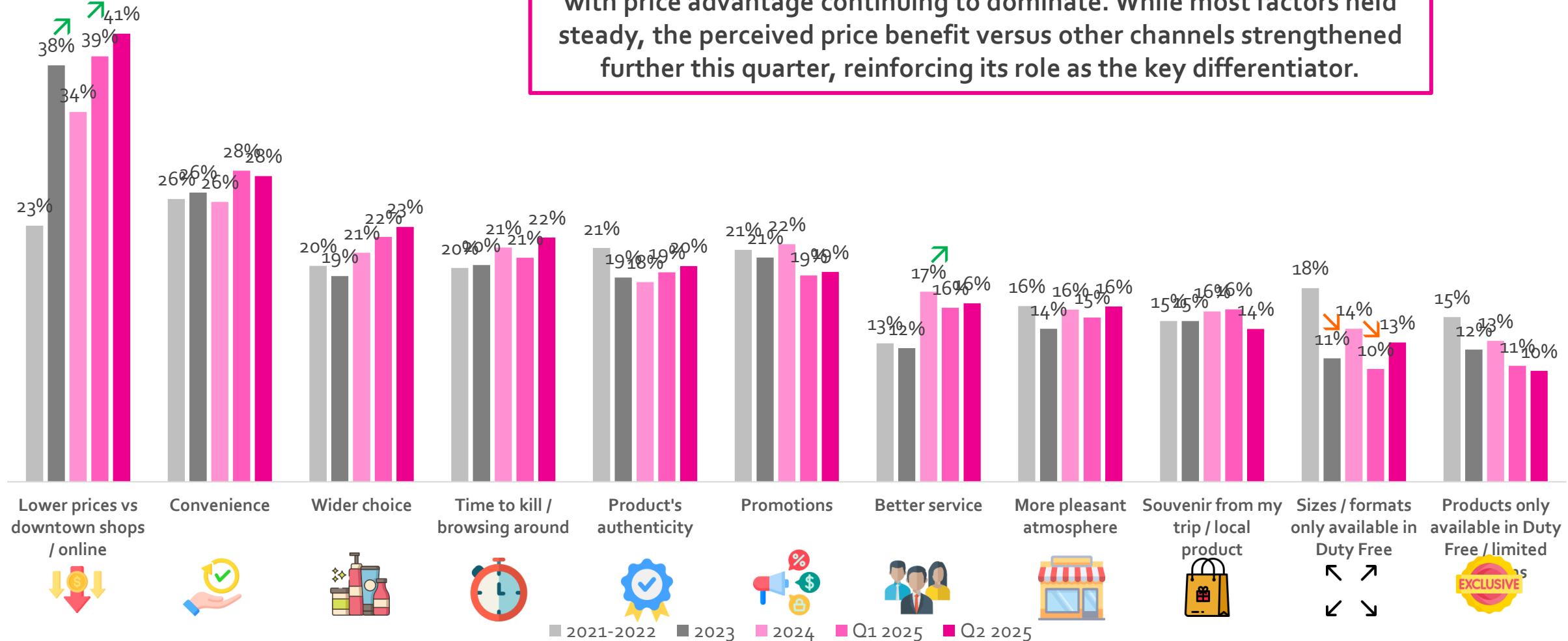
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What are the appeal factors of buying Alcohol in Duty Free? (vs other channels)

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# DUTY FREE APPEAL FACTORS (VS OTHER CHANNELS)

ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025)



The appeal of duty free for alcohol buyers remains largely consistent, with price advantage continuing to dominate. While most factors held steady, the perceived price benefit versus other channels strengthened further this quarter, reinforcing its role as the key differentiator.

# TOP 5 APPEAL FACTORS TO PURCHASE IN DUTY FREE (VS OTHER CHANNELS)

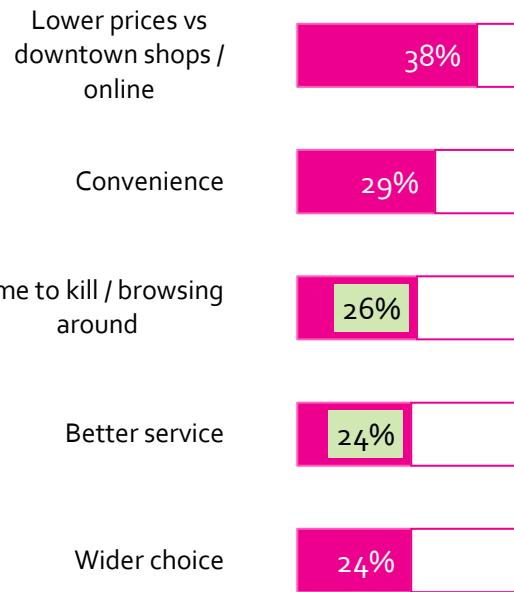
ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



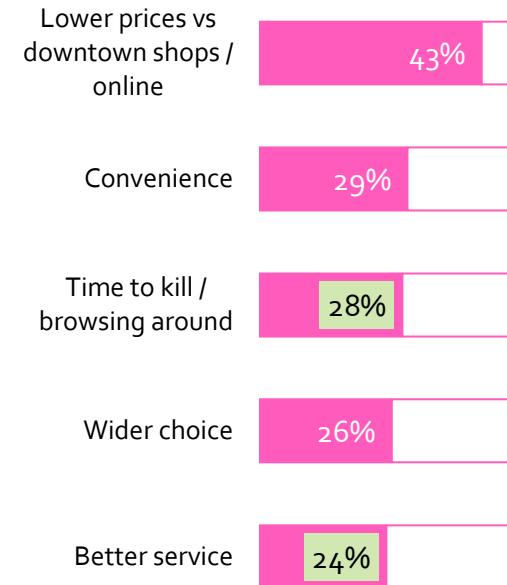
Price perception drives purchases across all regions, but motivations diverge beyond that. Shoppers in the Americas and MEA are more drawn to better service and browsing, while promotions matter more in ASPAC. Europe, by contrast, leans more on ambience compared to other regions.



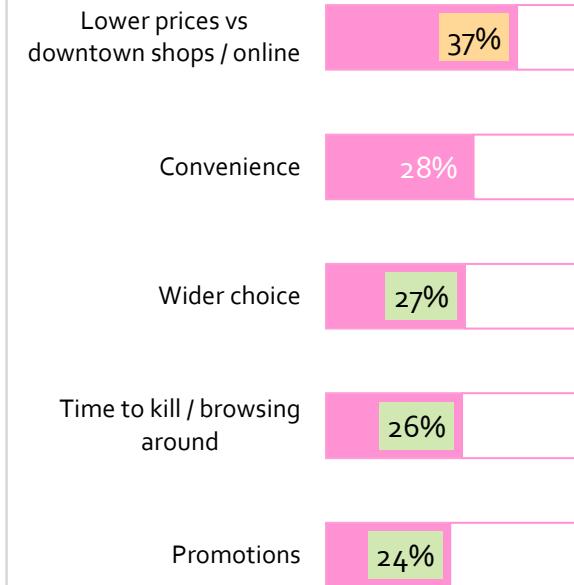
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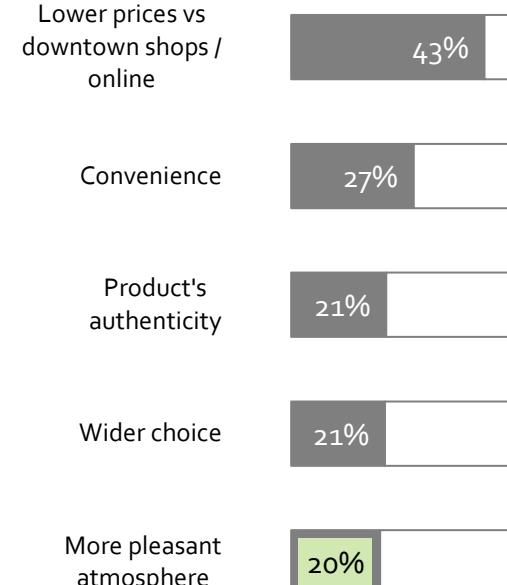
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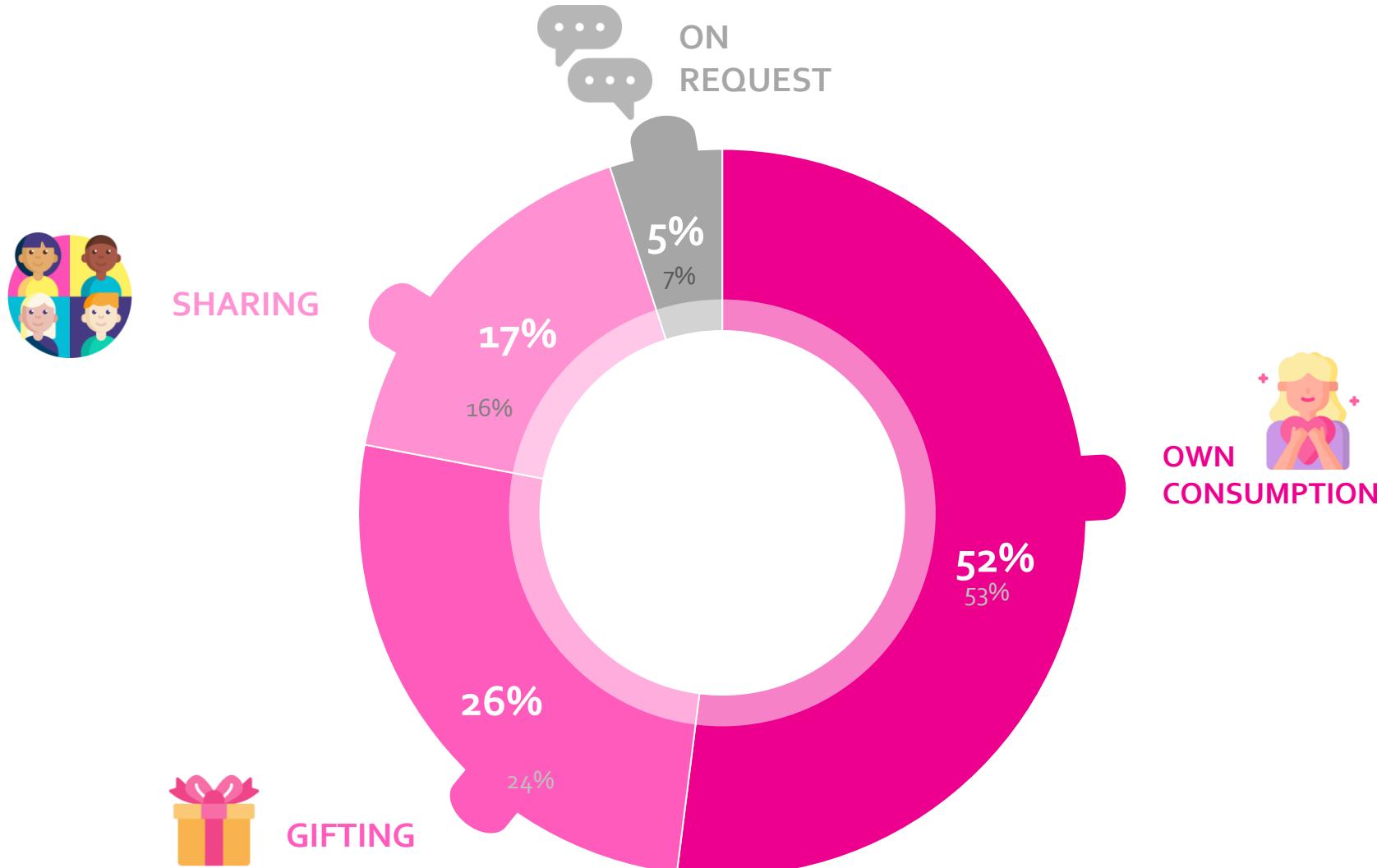
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What are the key purposes of Alcohol purchases?



# PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025)

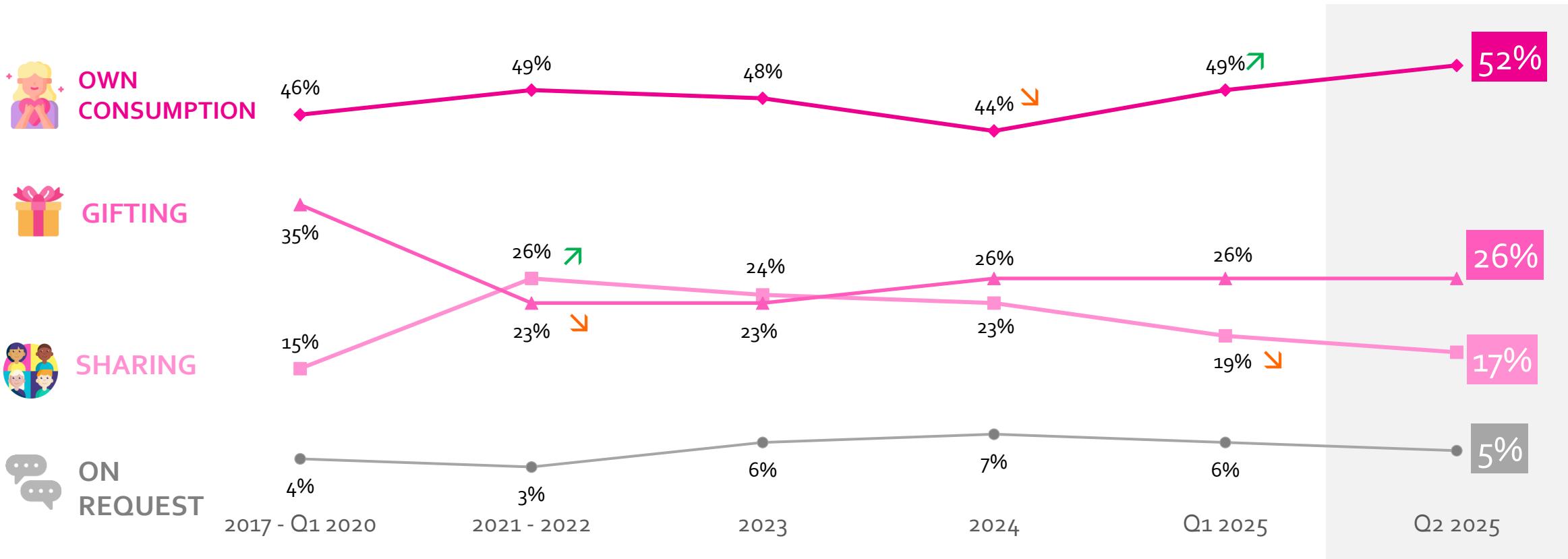


# PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

## ALCOHOL BUYERS – TRENDS



Alcohol purchases are increasingly driven by personal enjoyment, now clearly the dominant reason. Gifting has stabilized, while buying to share is gradually declining.



# PURPOSE OF PURCHASE

## ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



Own consumption leads across all regions, especially in Americas and ASPAC. Gifting stands out in MEA, while Americas over-index for sharing.



OWN CONSUMPTION



GIFTING



SHARING



ON REQUEST

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
OWN CONSUMPTION	52%	46%	56%	59%	48%
GIFTING	26%	33%	19%	22%	29%
SHARING	16%	14%	21%	13%	19%
ON REQUEST	5%	7%	3%	8%	5%



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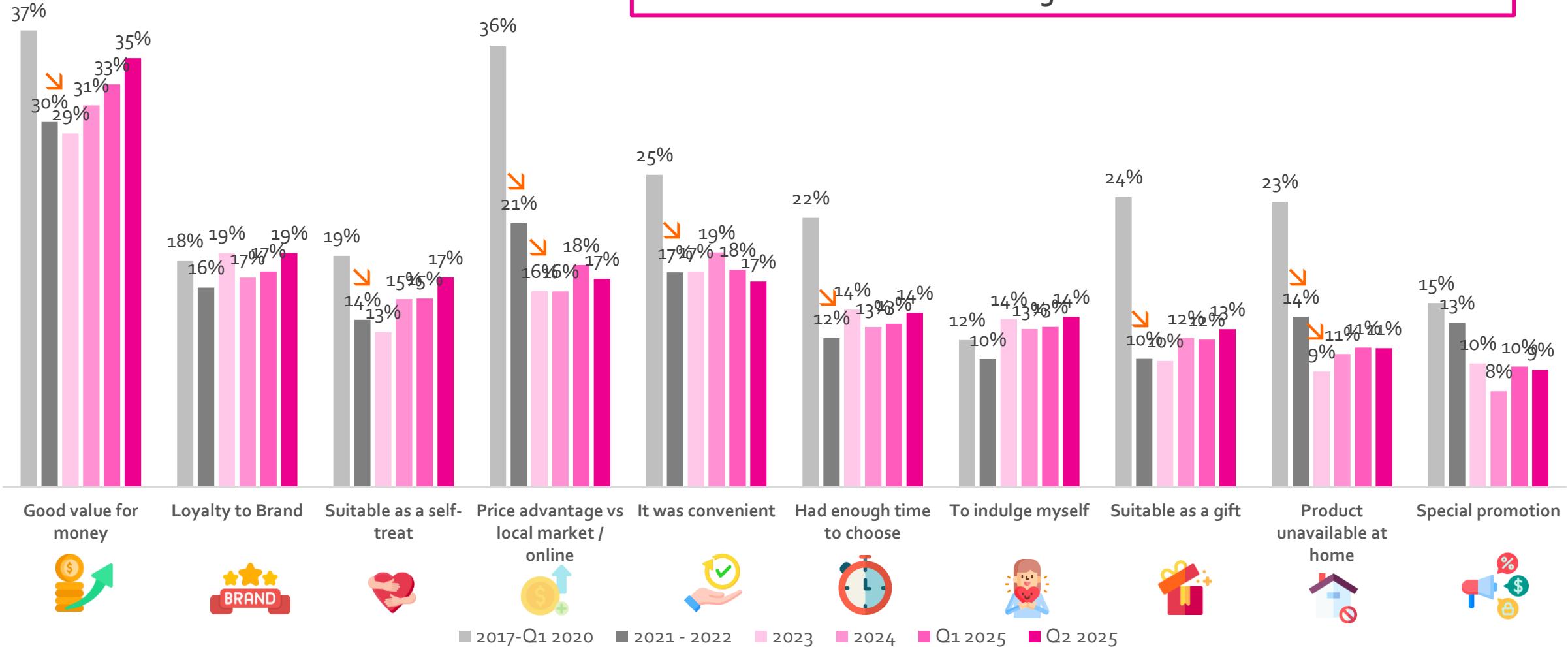
Which are the purchase drivers for Alcohol  
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# DRIVERS OF PURCHASE

ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025)

Value for money remains the top purchase driver, with brand loyalty and treating oneself following. Price advantage has slipped slightly, suggesting a shift toward more emotionally driven and personally rewarding motivations.



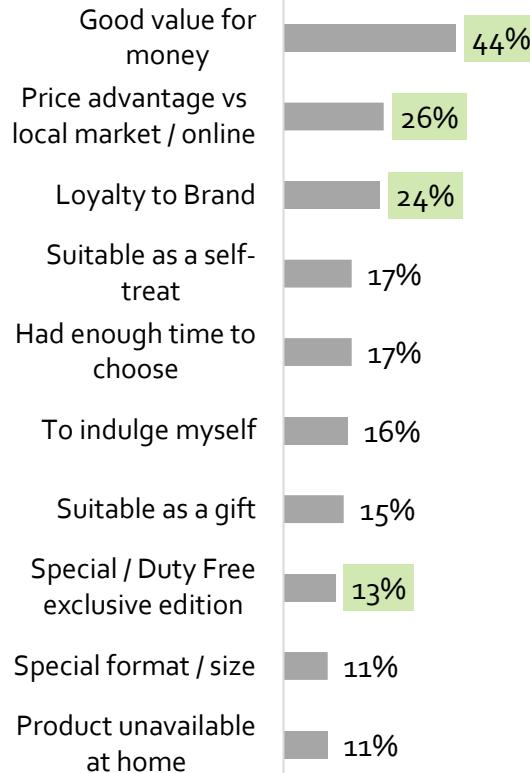
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ALCOHOL (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

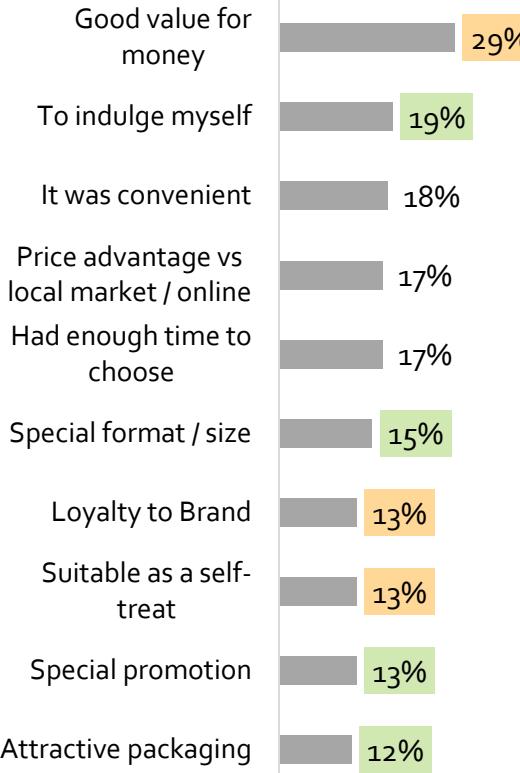
Good value for money leads across regions, but priorities differ. MEA value brand trust and price. ASPAC leans on convenience and friends' recommendations. The Americas mix indulgence and practicality.



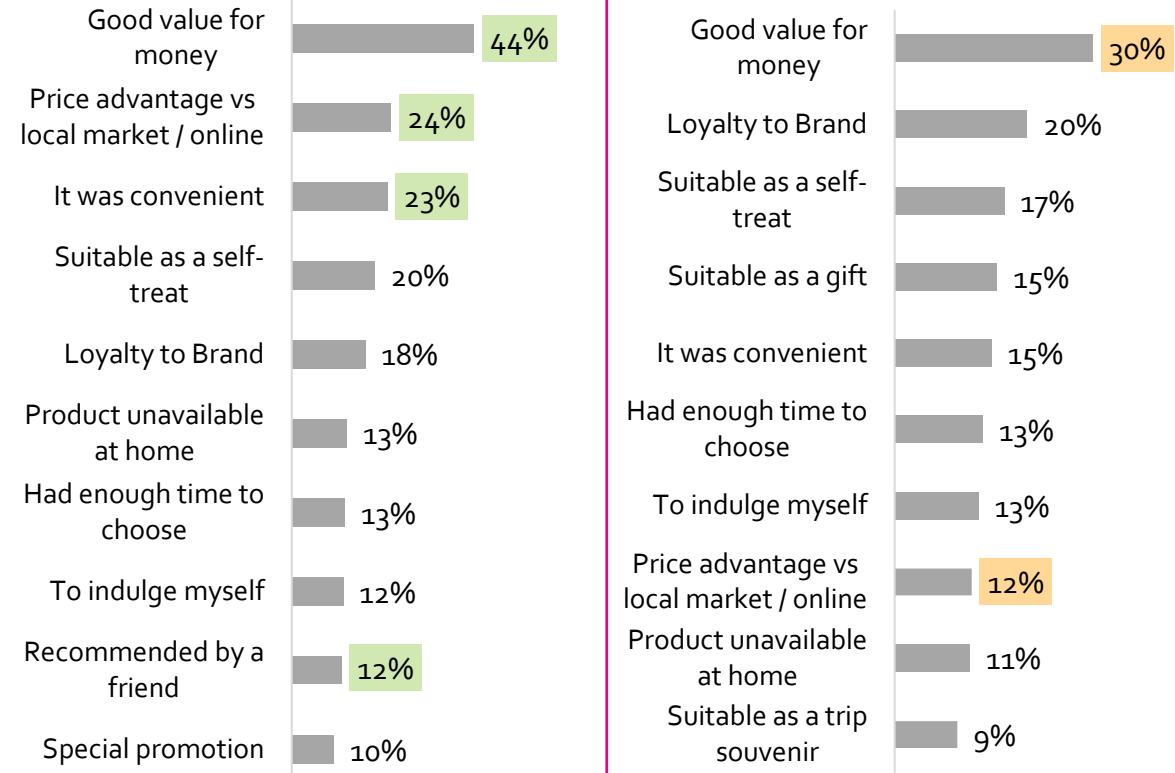
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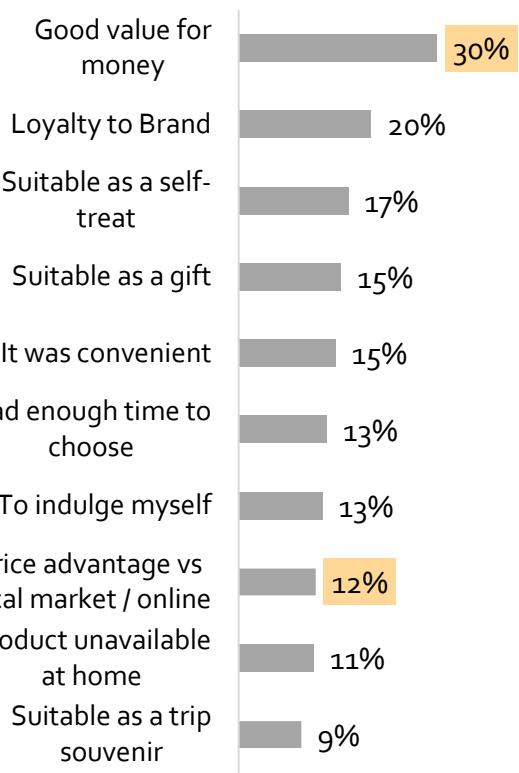
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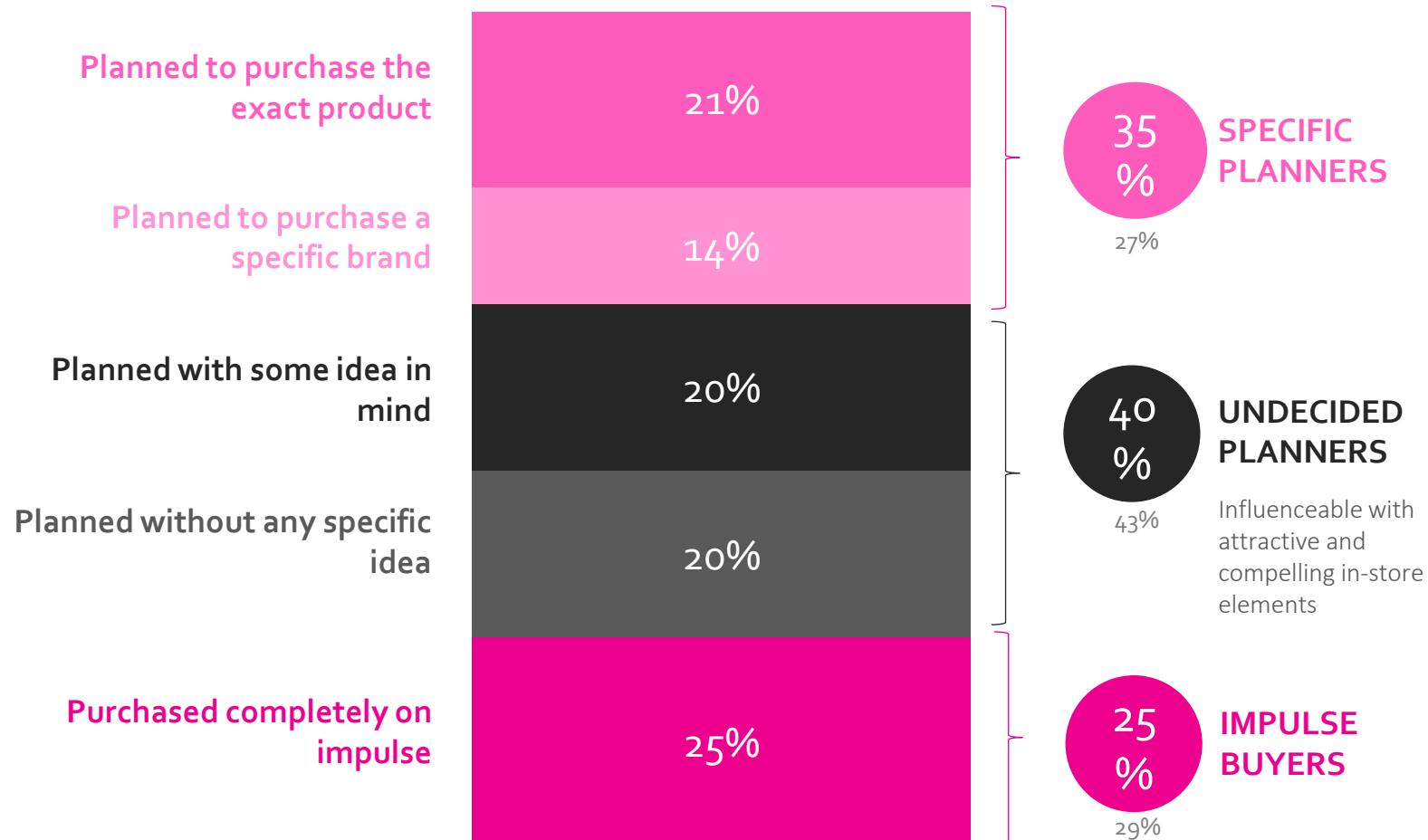
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To which extent are Alcohol purchases planned in advance?

# PLANNING OF PURCHASES

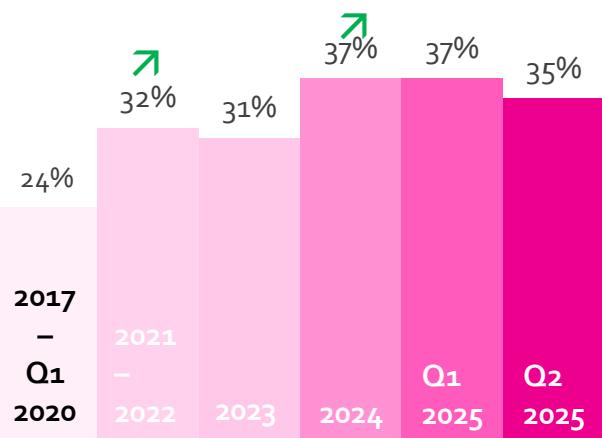
ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025)

Most alcohol purchases are unplanned—only a third of buyers knew exactly what they wanted. The majority either arrived with vague intentions or bought on impulse, showing the importance of in-store influence.

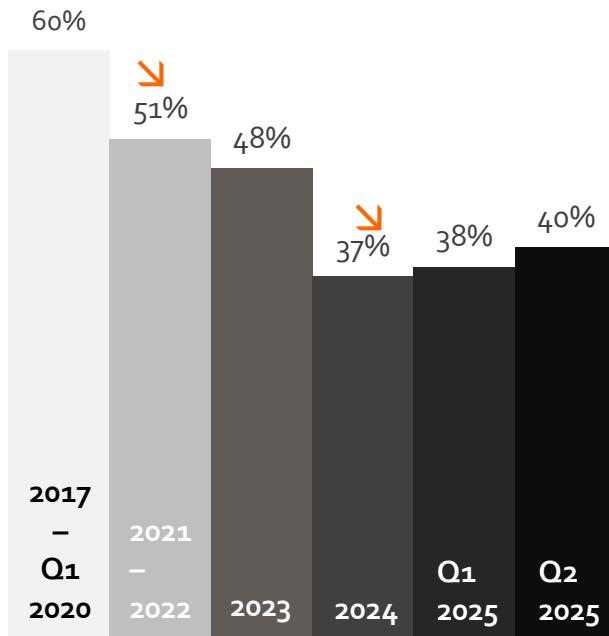


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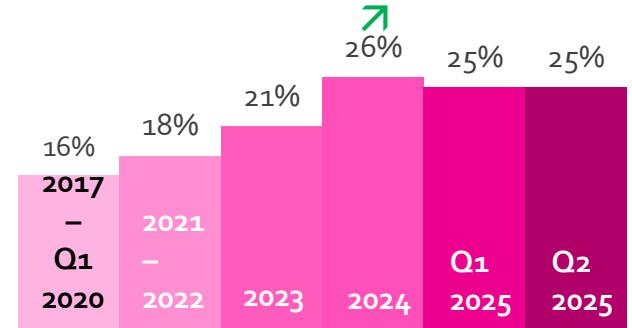
## ALCOHOL BUYERS – TRENDS



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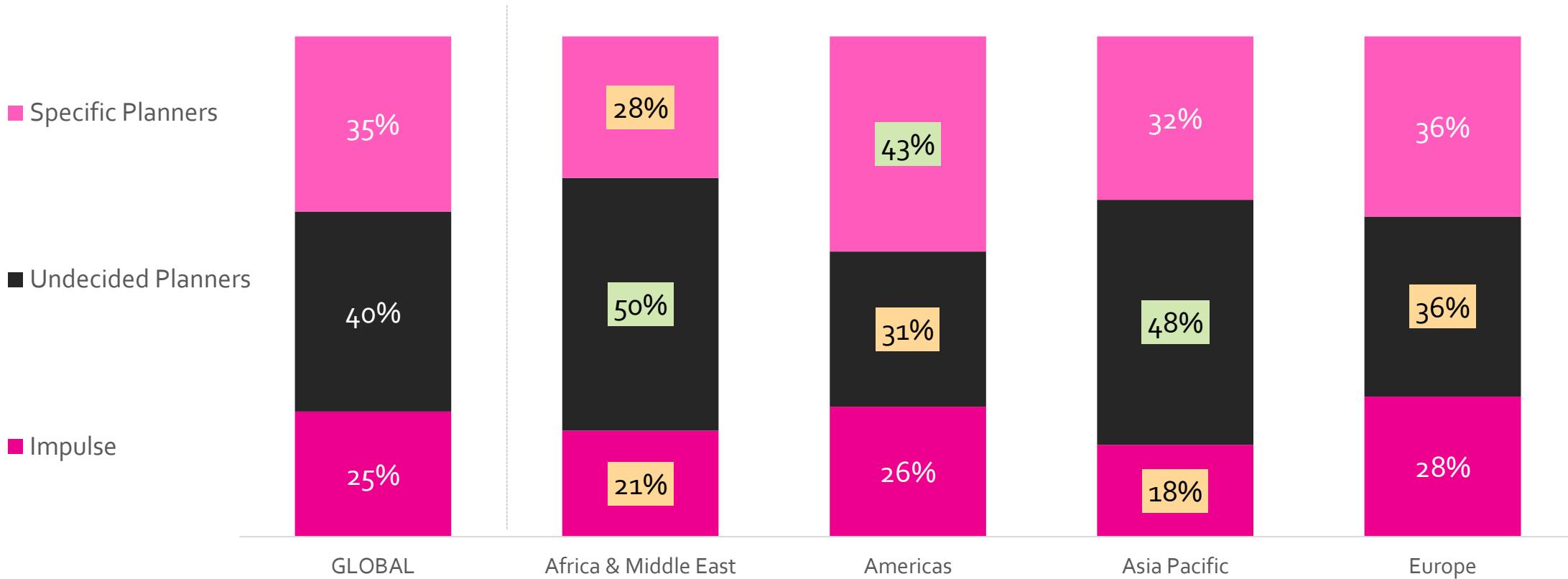
Undecided Planners



Impulse Buyers

# PLANNING OF PURCHASES

ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



Planning behavior varies widely by region:  
Americans are the most deliberate buyers, while  
ASPAC and MEA see more undecided shoppers.  
Europe stands out for its higher share of impulse  
purchases.

# MOMENT WHEN DF BUYERS START TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SPECIFIC PURCHASE

## ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025)

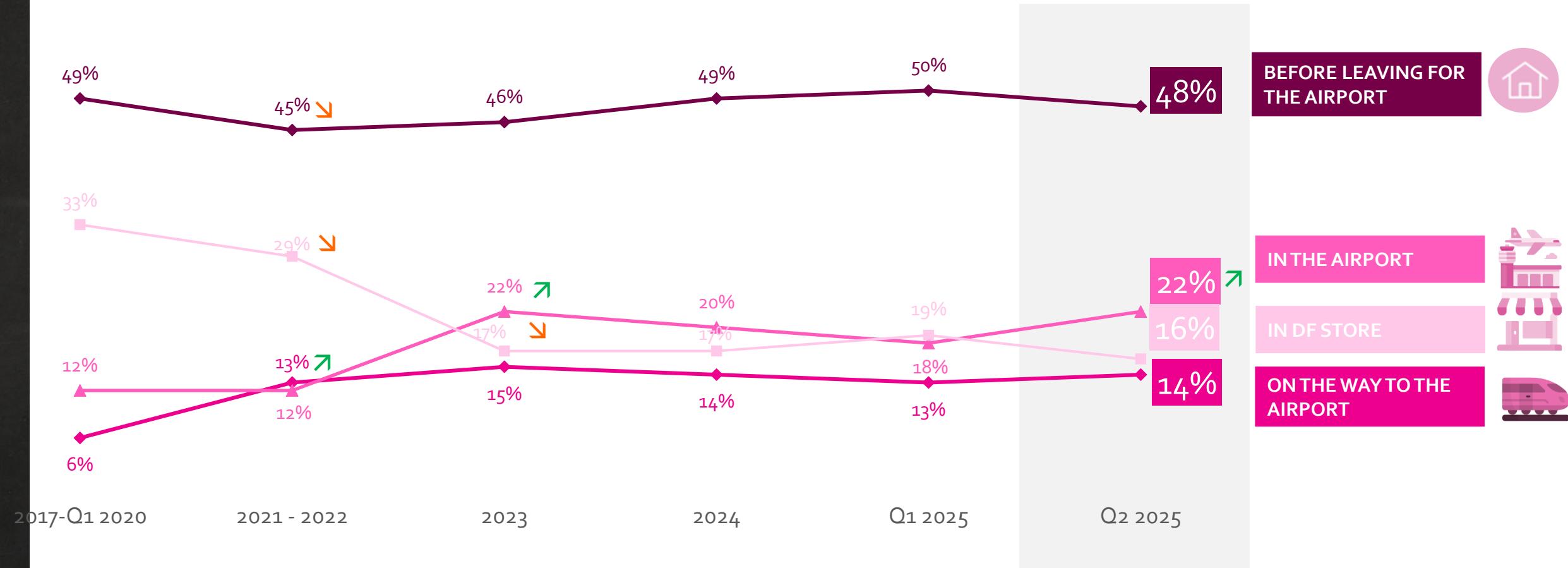


Nearly half of alcohol buyers begin thinking about their purchase before even leaving home, suggesting strong pre-travel intent. Still, over a third only decide once en route or at the airport, leaving a sizable window for influence.



# MOMENT WHEN DF BUYERS START TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SPECIFIC PURCHASE

## ALCOHOL BUYERS – TRENDS



# MOMENT WHEN DF BUYERS START TO THINK ABOUT THEIR SPECIFIC PURCHASE

ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



AS PAC buyers are the most premeditated, with over half deciding before leaving home, while those in the Americas and MEA are more likely to decide later, either en route, at the airport, highlighting strong potential for last-minute influence in those regions.



BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE AIRPORT



ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT



IN THE AIRPORT



IN THE DF STORE

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE AIRPORT	48%	44%	47%	54%	47%
ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT	14%	18%	20%	11%	13%
IN THE AIRPORT	22%	27%	12%	23%	22%
IN THE DF STORE	16%	11%	21%	13%	17%



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Which other aspects influence Alcohol decision-making?

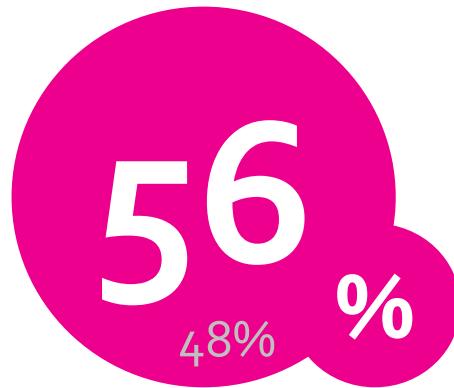
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# PURCHASES OF PROMOTIONS, FIRST TIME BUYERS & DF EXCLUSIVES

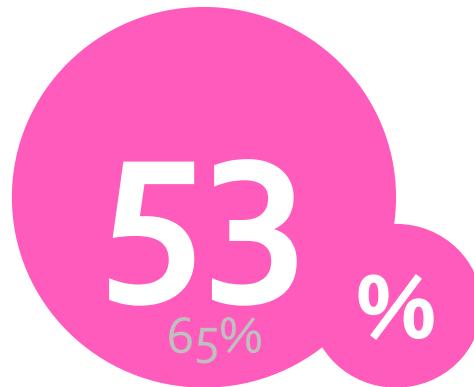
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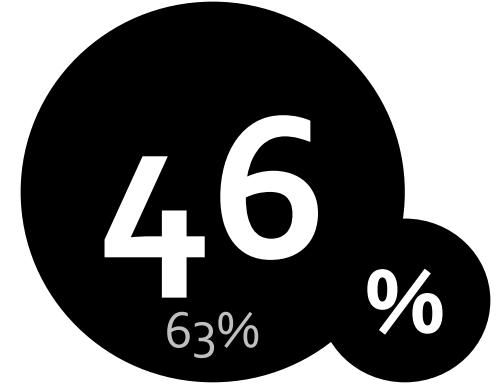
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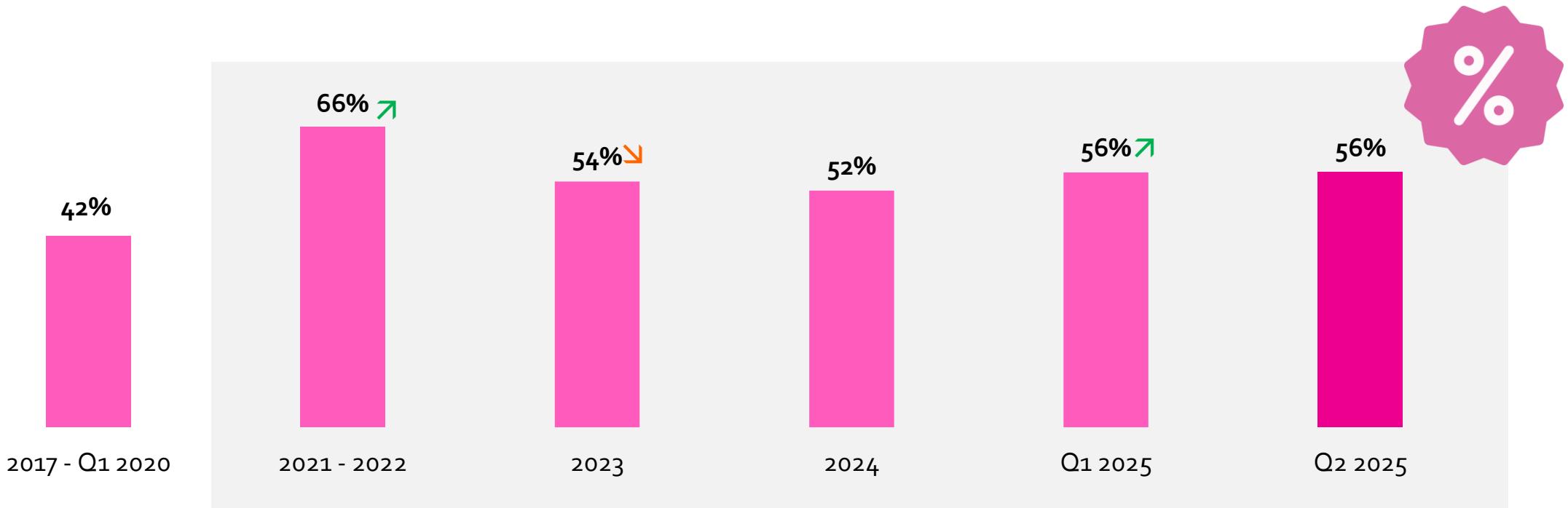


PURCHASES OF UNIQUE  
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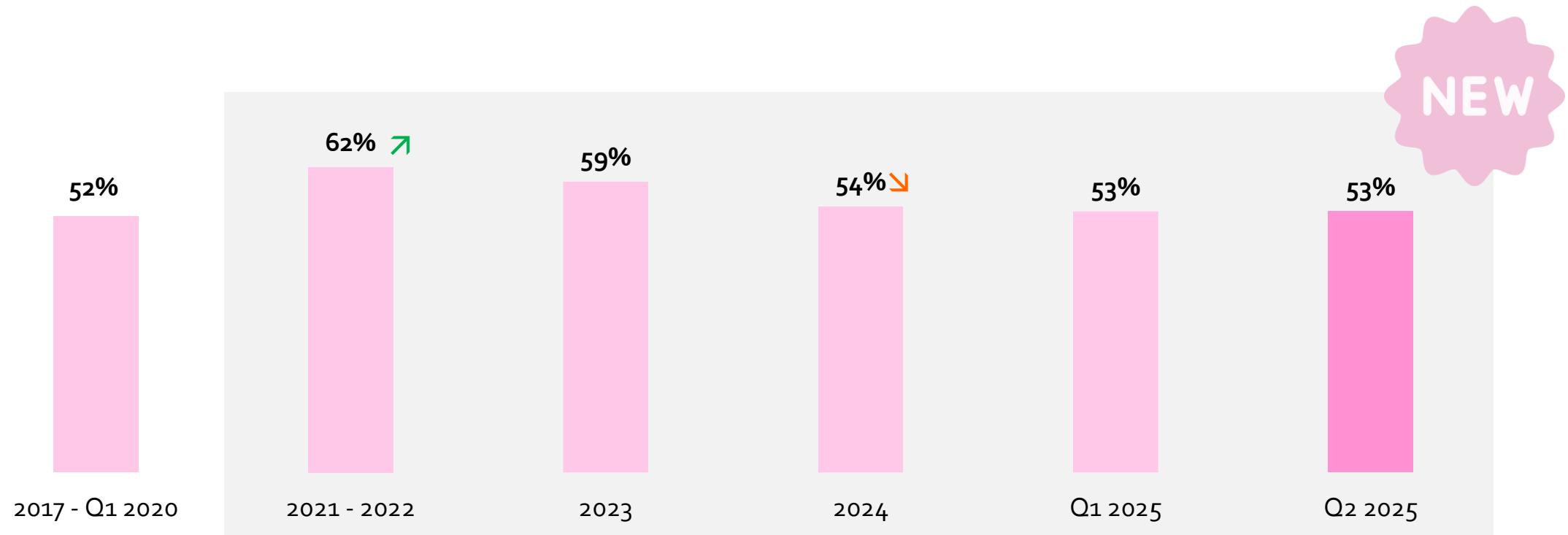
# PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS ON PROMOTION

## ALCOHOL BUYERS – TRENDS



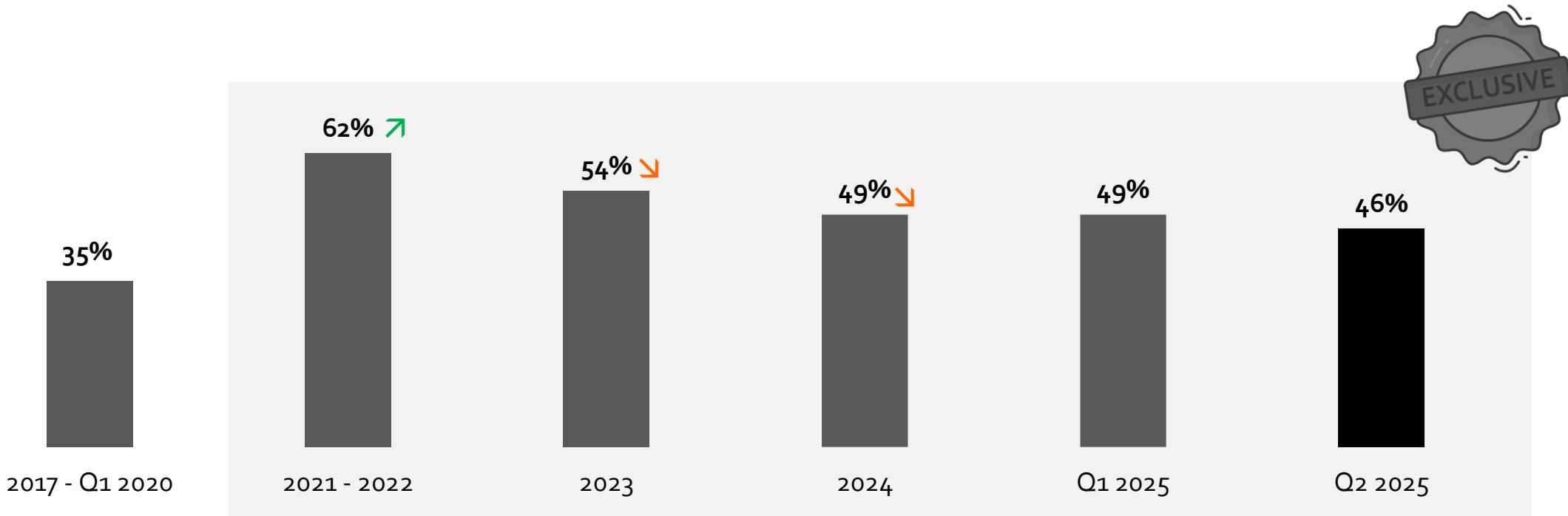
# PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS NEVER BOUGHT BEFORE (FIRST TIME BUYERS)

## ALCOHOL BUYERS – TRENDS



# PURCHASES OF UNIQUE / DF EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS

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# PURCHASES OF PROMOTIONS, FIRST TIME BUYERS & DF EXCLUSIVES

ALCOHOL BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION



ASPAC and the Americas are most driven by promotions, while MEA leads in trying new products.



	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS ON PROMOTION %	56%	55%	60%	63%	52%
PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS NEVER BOUGHT BEFORE NEW	53%	61%	56%	46%	54%
PURCHASES OF UNIQUE / DF EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS	46%	42%	45%	49%	45%

A photograph showing a male bartender with a beard and dark hair, wearing a denim vest over a dark shirt, smiling and interacting with a female customer whose back is to the camera. They are in a well-lit bar or liquor store with shelves of bottles in the background.

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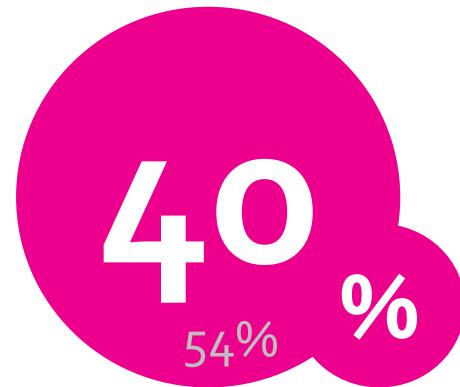
Do Alcohol shoppers interact with staff?  
How influential are the interactions?

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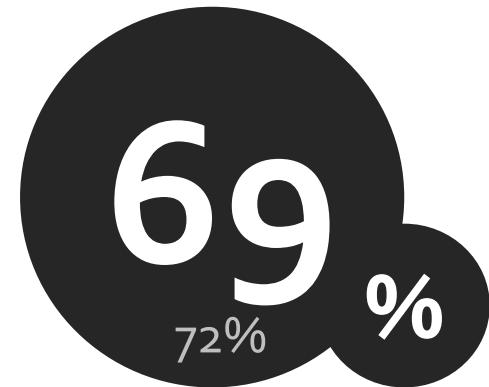
# INTERACTION WITH THE SALES STAFF & IMPACT

ALCOHOL SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)

INTERACTED WITH  
THE STAFF

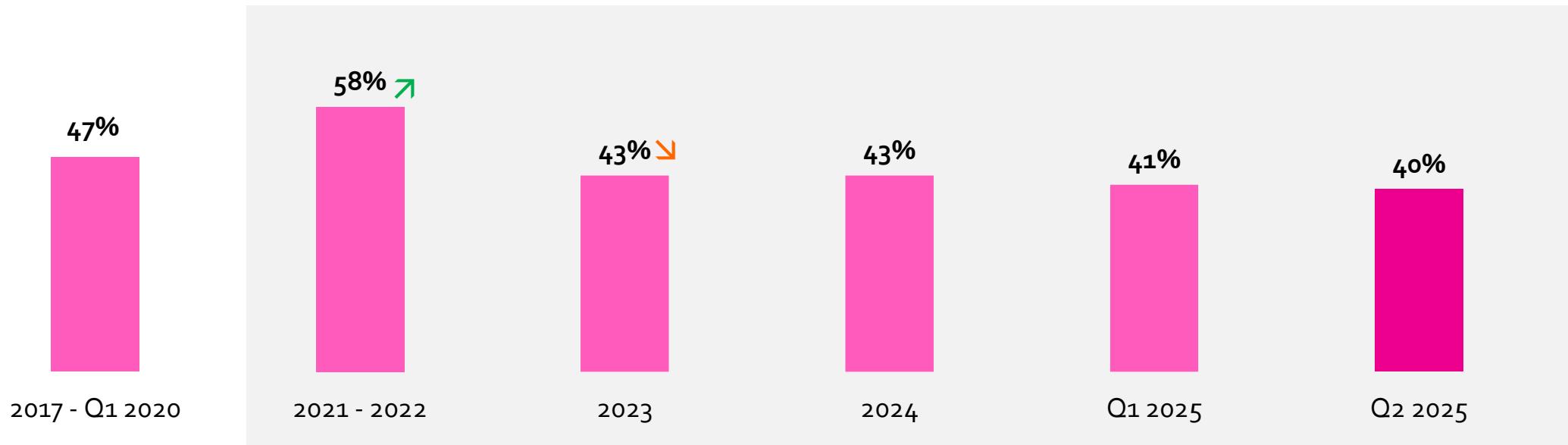


WERE IMPACTED BY  
STAFF INTERACTION  
(out of those who interacted)



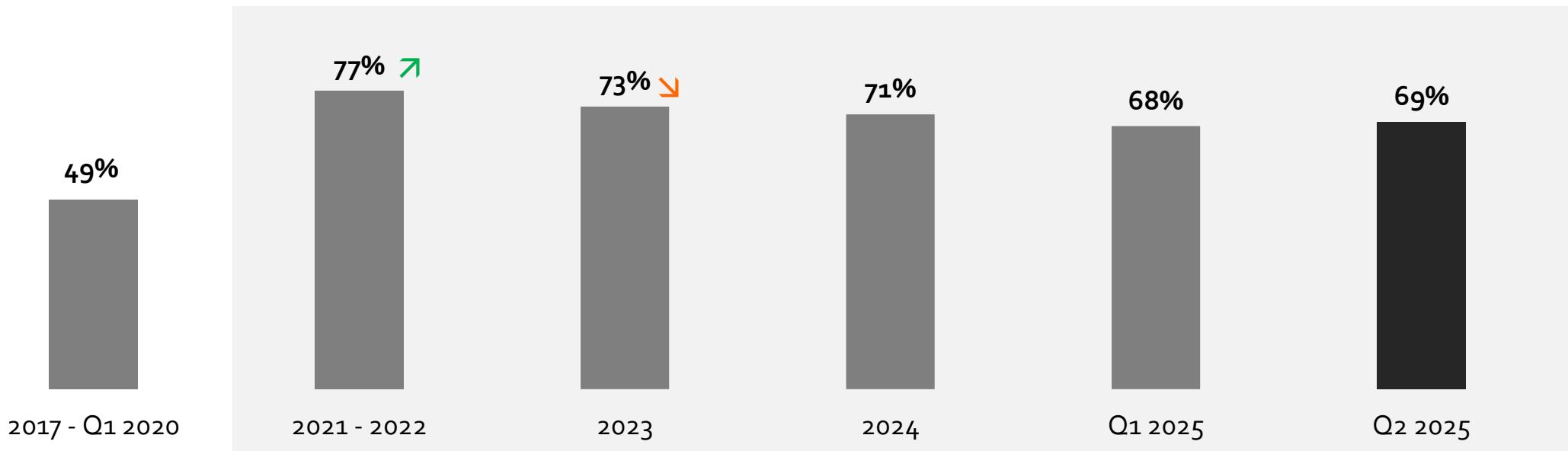
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# STAFF INFLUENCE AMONGST BUYERS WHO INTERACTED

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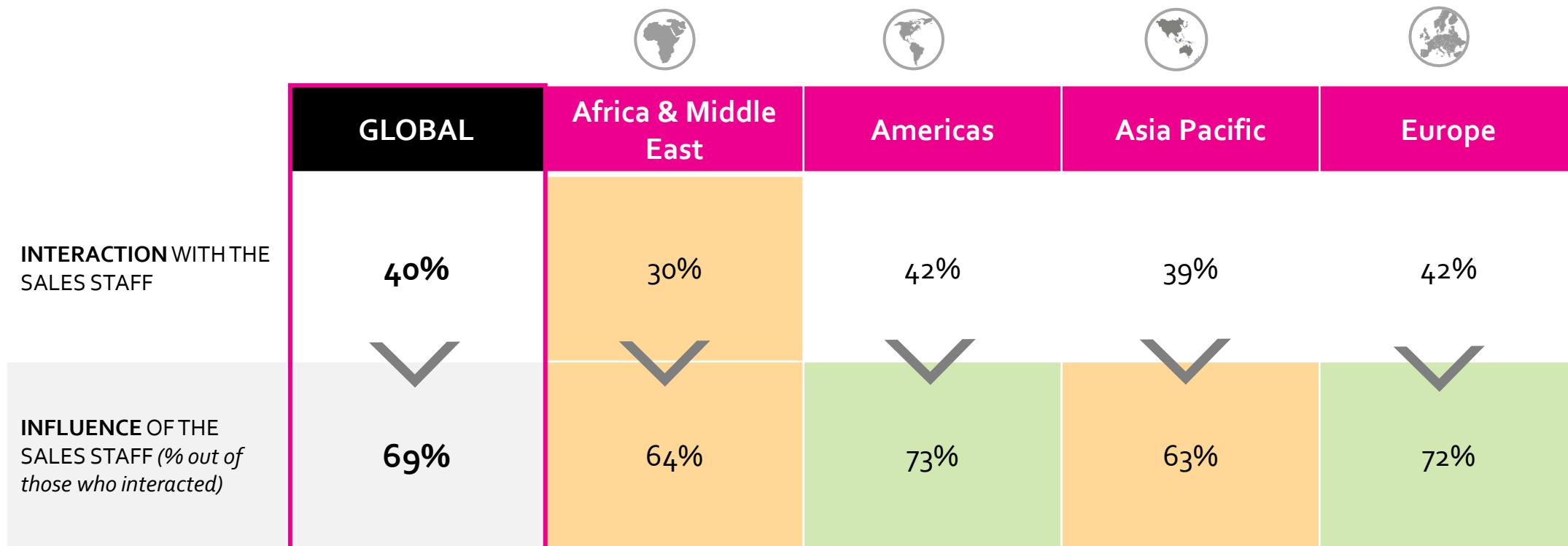


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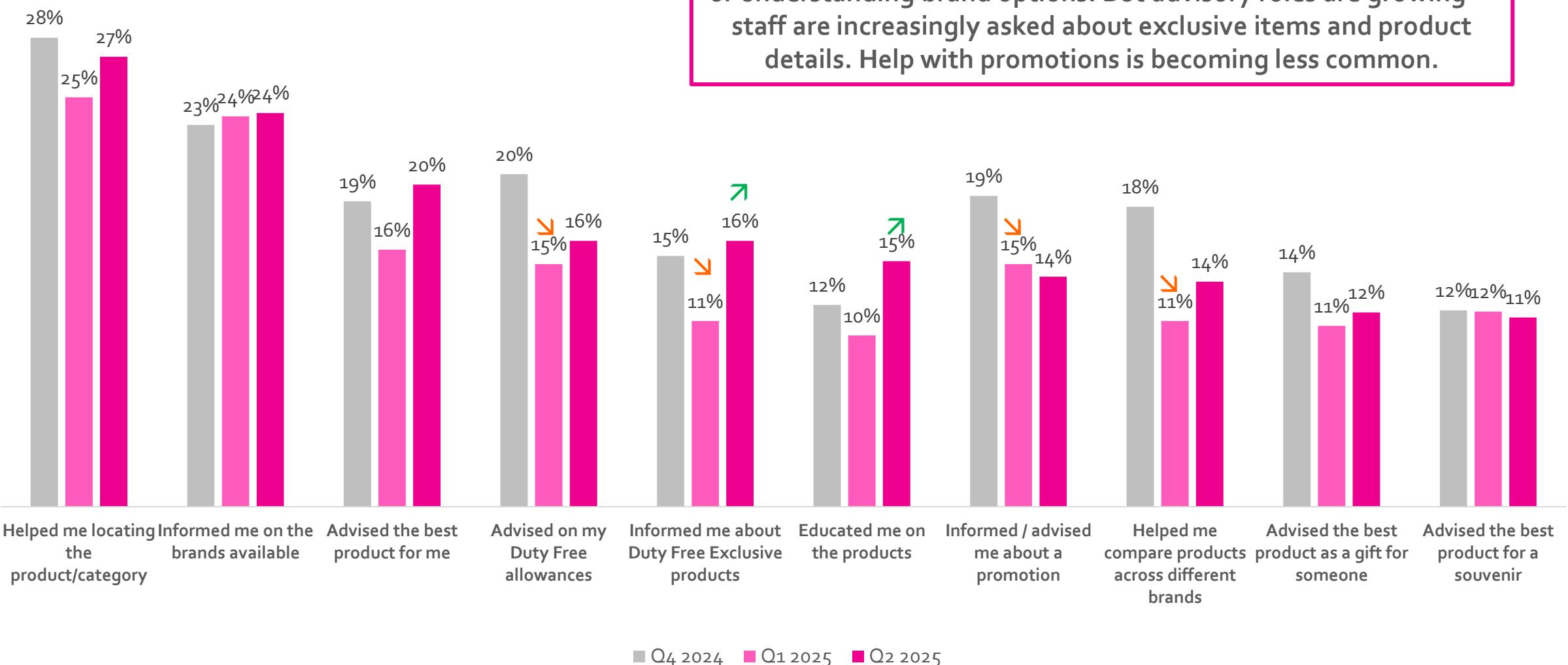


Interaction with sales staff is lowest in MEA, and those who do engage are also less likely to be influenced — pointing to a clear area for improvement. In contrast, Europe and the Americas are more effective at influencing purchase decisions. ASPAC sits around the global average on interaction, but influence doesn't follow.



# TOP REASONS FOR INTERACTING WITH STAFF

## ALCOHOL SHOPPERS - TRENDS



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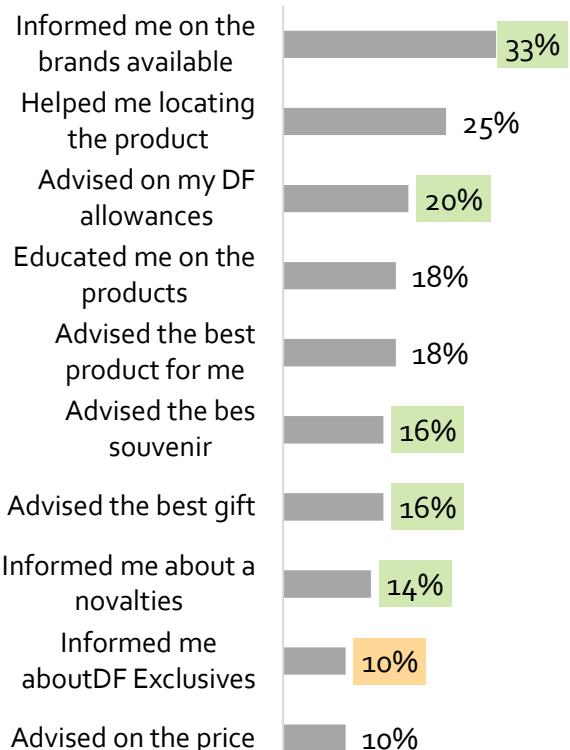
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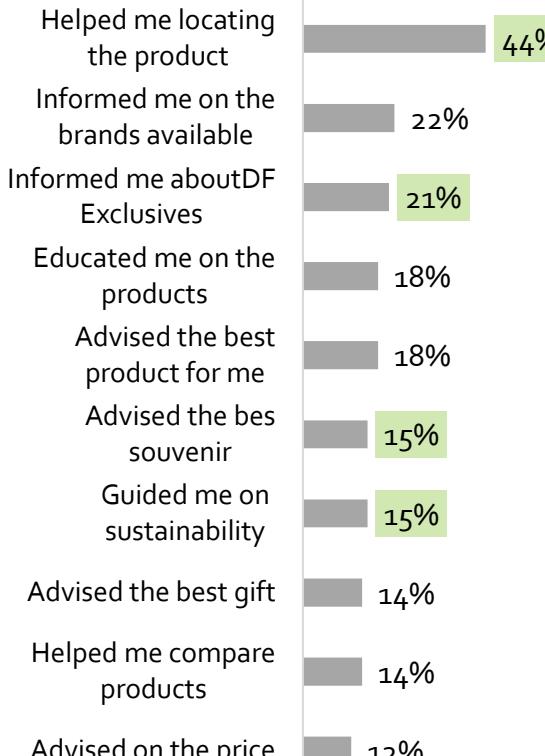
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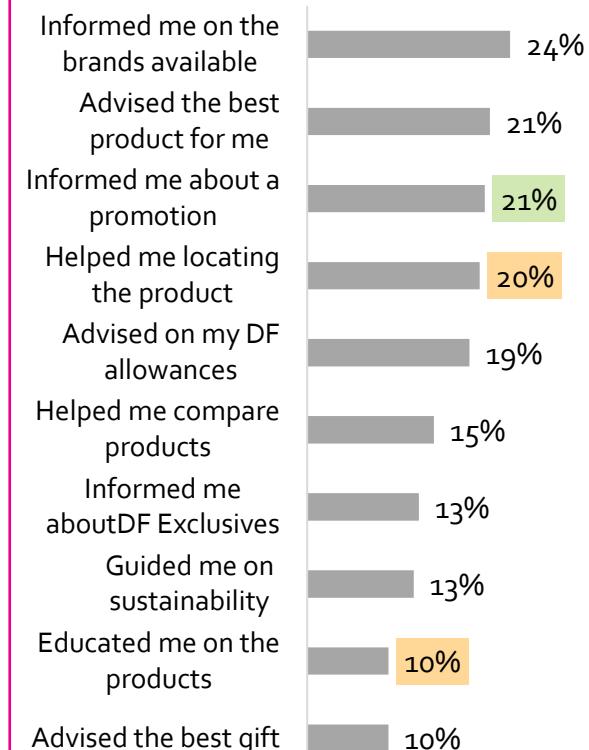
## Americas



## Asia Pacific

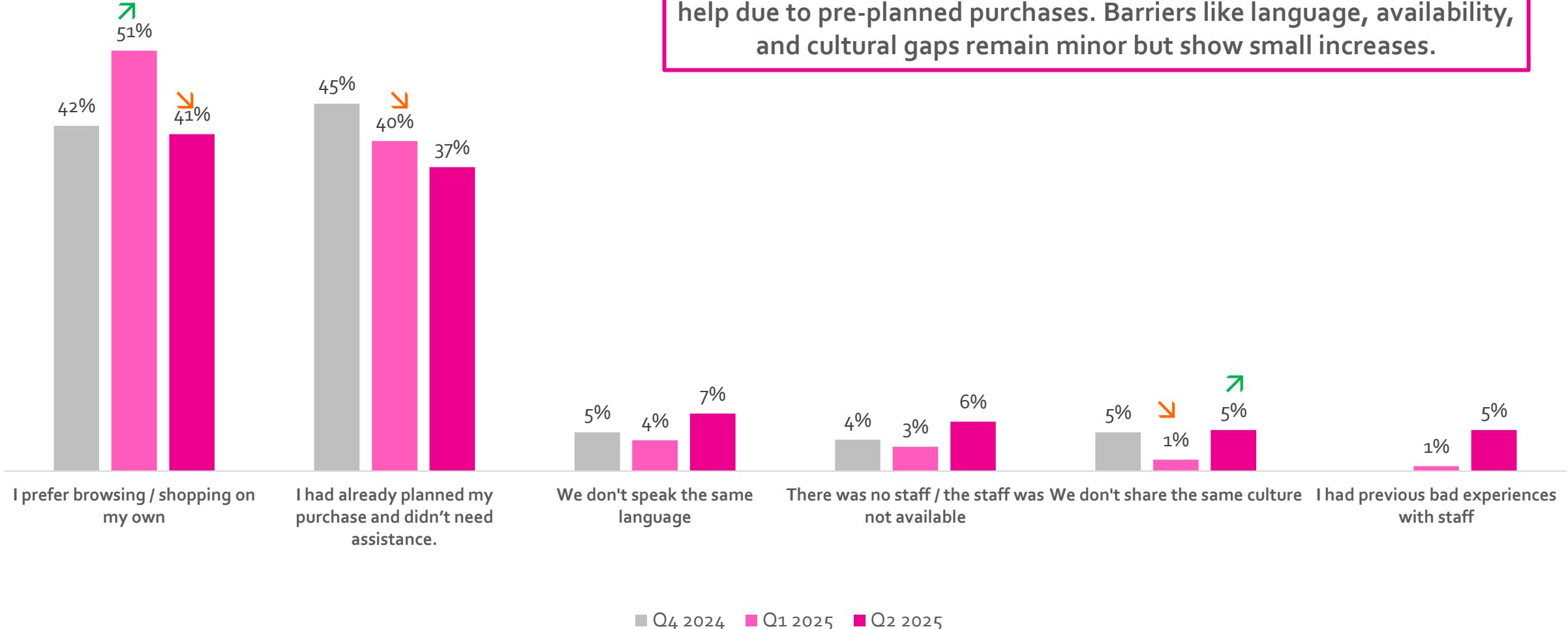


## Europe



# TOP REASONS FOR NOT INTERACTING WITH STAFF

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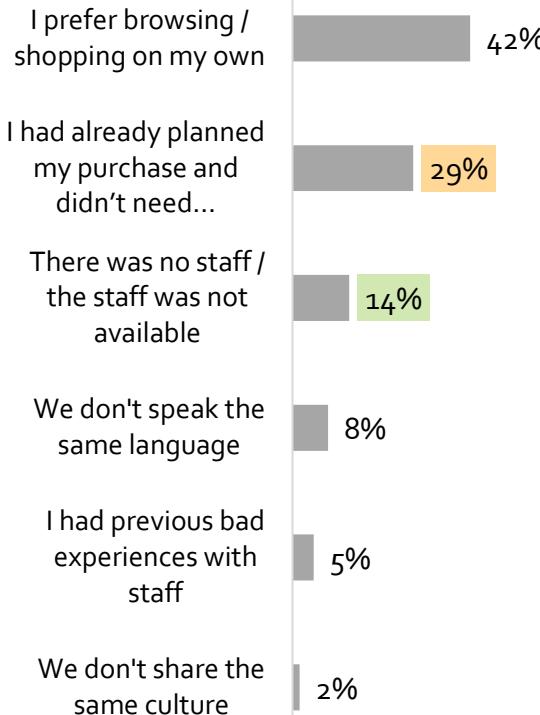


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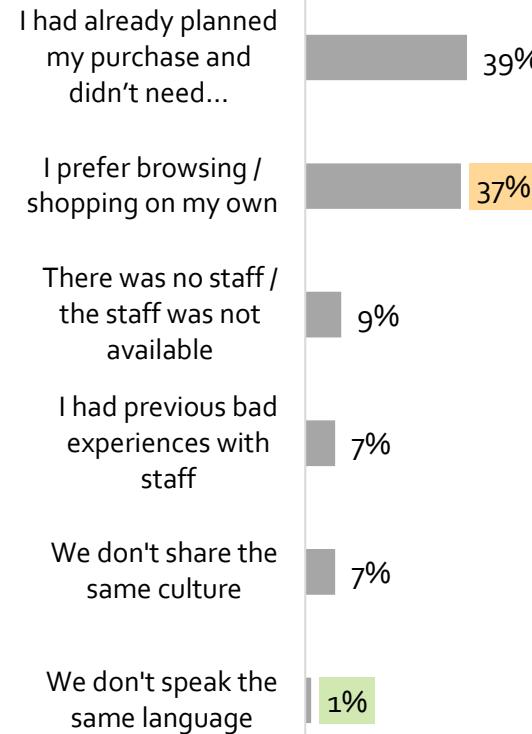
DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS



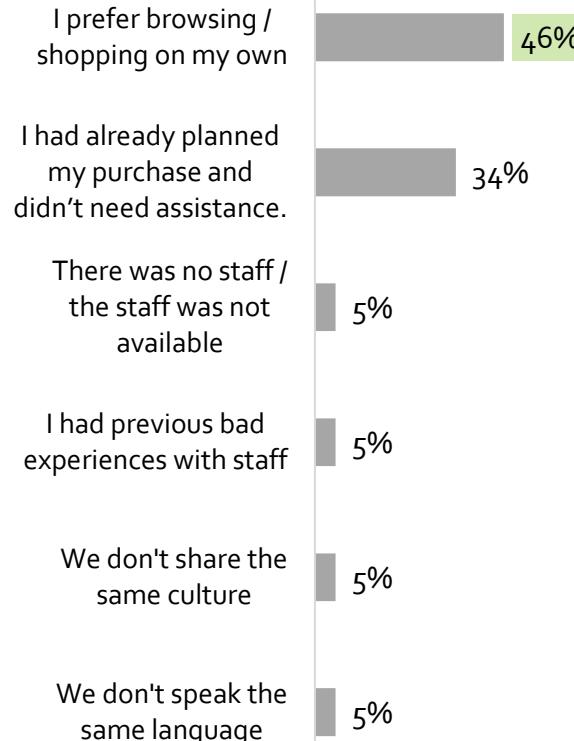
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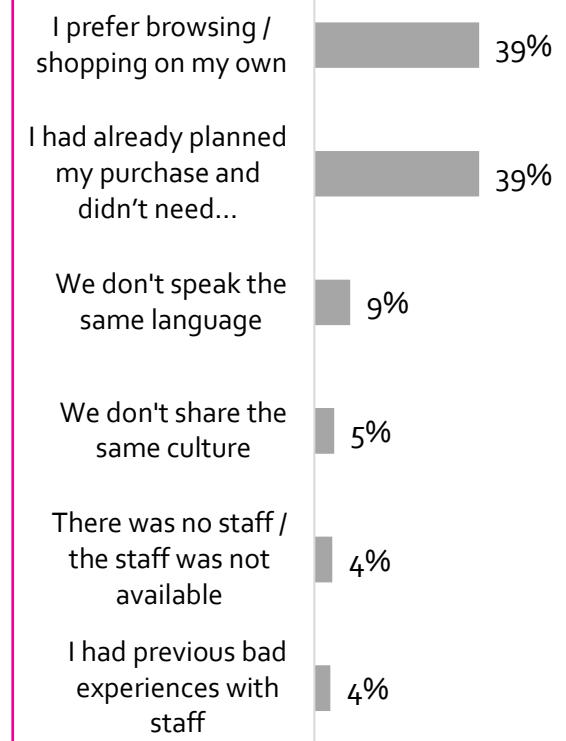
## Americas



## Asia Pacific



## Europe



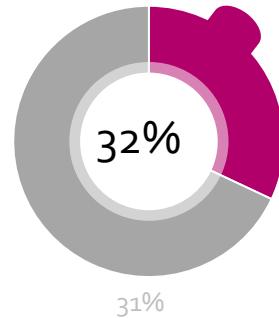
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Do Alcohol shoppers notice touchpoints before arriving at the store? Where do they notice these touchpoints?



# MOMENTS OF EXPOSURE TO PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

ALCOHOL SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)



OF DF SHOPPERS NOTICE TOUCHPOINTS  
ABOUT THE PRODUCTS BOUGHT  
BEFORE ARRIVING IN THE STORE

Amongst those exposed to touch points

## Online



56%  
50%

## Offline in Home City



24% ↘  
30%

## Stores in Home City



16%  
15%

## Airport outside DF store



21%  
23%

## In-flight



12% ↘  
20%

## Stores at Destination



8% ↘  
20%

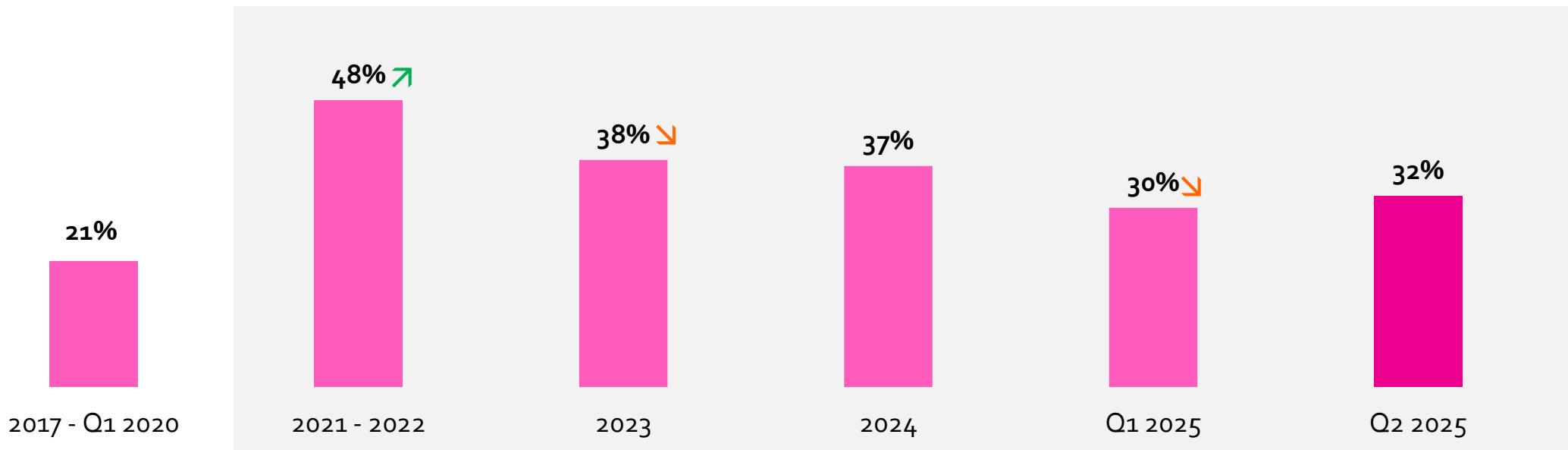
## Other Airport DF store



10% ↘  
12%

# NOTICING PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

## ALCOHOL SHOPPERS – TRENDS



# MOMENTS OF EXPOSURE TO PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

ALCOHOL SHOPPERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION

MEA and the Americas report the highest overall noticeability, while ASPAC lags.

Amongst those exposed to touch points



	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
TOUCHPOINTS NOTICED	32%	42%	36%	28%	31%
ONLINE	53%	55%	59%	48%	53%
AT THE AIRPORT OUTSIDE THE DF STORE	22%	23%	27%	23%	19%
OFFLINE IN YOUR HOME CITY	22%	14%	20%	18%	27%
IN STORES IN YOUR HOME CITY	21%	23%	20%	30%	17%
IN ANOTHER DUTY FREE STORE	14%	14%	12%	20%	12%
DURING THE FLIGHT	14%	9%	2%	11%	20%
IN STORES AT YOUR DESTINATION	14%	14%	15%	2%	18%

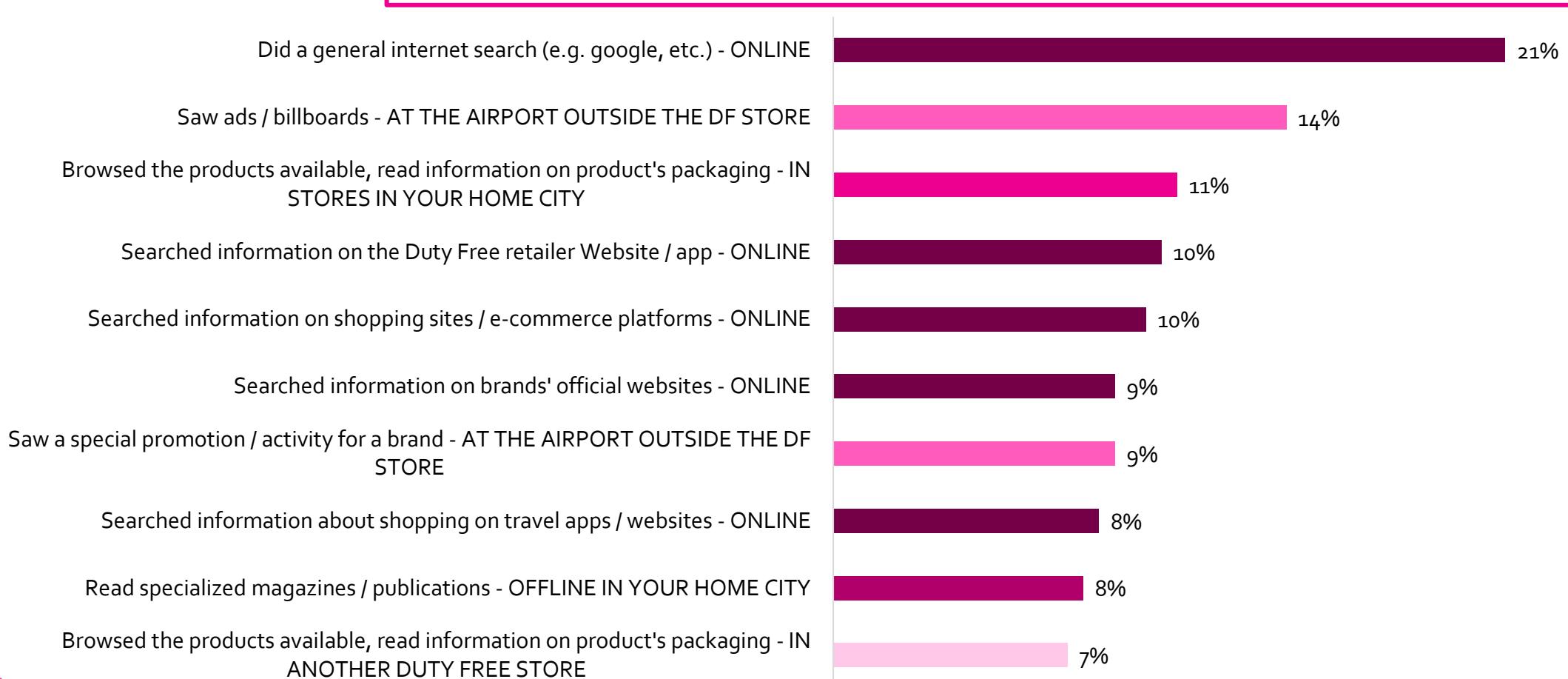
# TOP 10 INDIVIDUAL PRE-STORE TOUCH POINTS

ALCOHOL SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)

Amongst those exposed to touch points

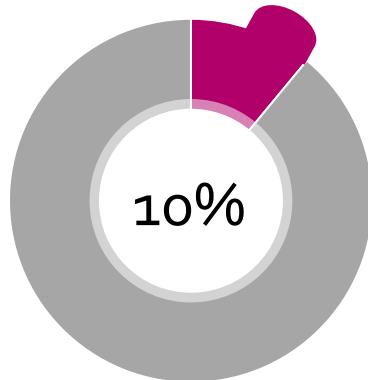


Online sources dominate the top pre-store touchpoints, with general internet searches leading by far. Airport ads also play a strong role, followed by browsing packaging in local stores. Brand and retailer websites, e-commerce platforms, and promotions outside the duty-free store round out the key online and offline touchpoints.



# DF PRE-ORDERING: USAGE & AWARENESS

ALCOHOL SHOPPERS (Q2 2025)



14%

**HAVE PRE-ORDERED AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR DF PURCHASES**

## ORDER ONLINE & PICK-UP AT AIRPORT DF STORE

**43%**

44%

are aware of  
this service

**60%**

64%

would be **willing to use it**

## ORDER ONLINE & HAVE THE PRODUCTS DELIVERED AT HOME

**32%**

30%

are aware of  
this service

**63%**

66%

would be **willing to use it**



# DF PRE-ORDERING: USAGE & AWARENESS

ALCOHOL SHOPPERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGION



Pre-ordering remains niche overall, but is strongest in the Americas and ASPAC. The service is better known MEA and ASPAC.

	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
% OF ONLINE PRE-ORDERING	10%	6%	16%	16%	6%
ONLINE PRE-ORDER AND AIRPORT PICK-UP					
Awareness	43%	54%	38%	47%	41%
Interest	60%	53%	56%	65%	61%
ONLINE PRE-ORDER AND HOME DELIVERY					
Awareness	32%	43%	31%	39%	27%
Interest	63%	67%	71%	56%	63%

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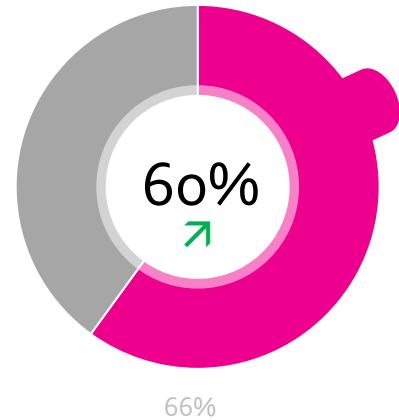
Are Alcohol shoppers mindful of sustainability when choosing their products?



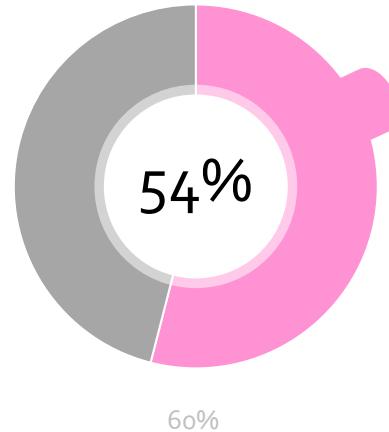
# IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

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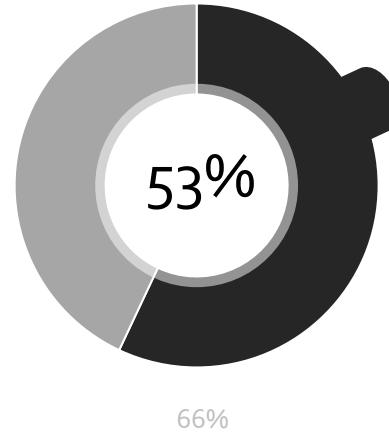
% who consider important to find in Duty Free shops...



Products with **reduced  
packaging or eco-friendly  
packaging**



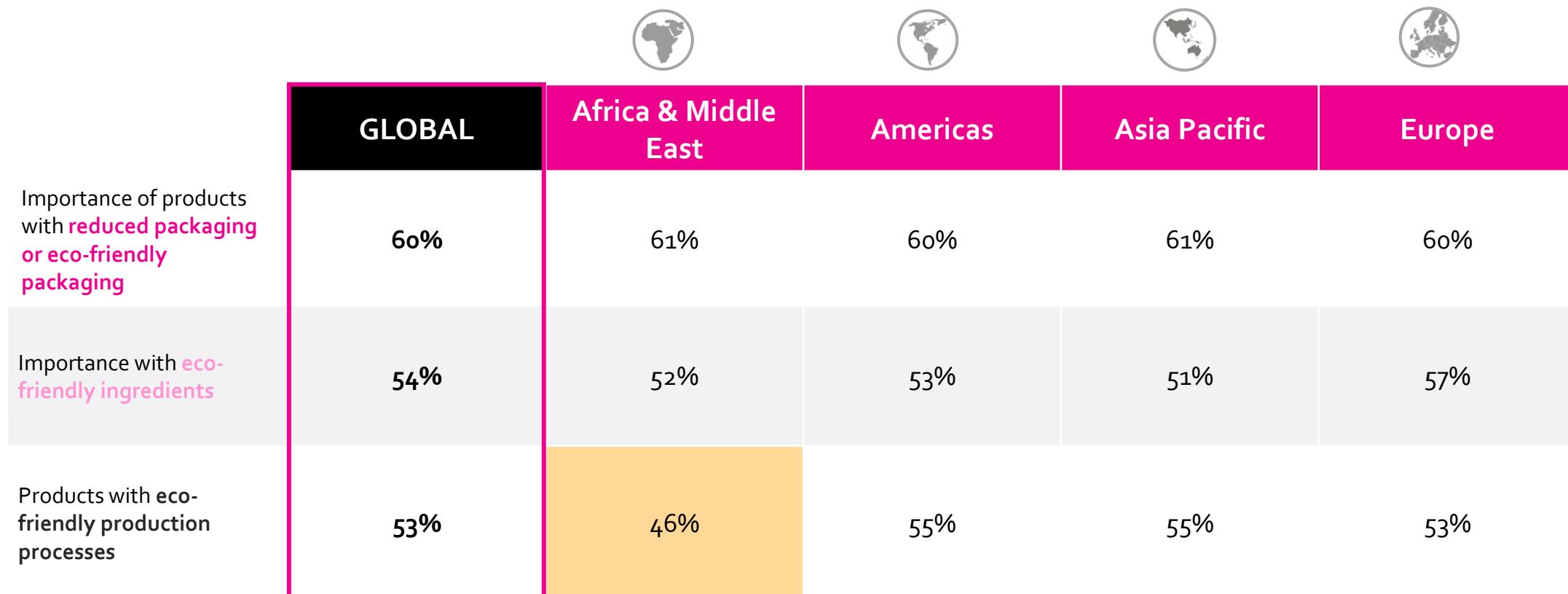
Products with **eco-friendly  
ingredients**



Products with **eco-friendly  
production processes**

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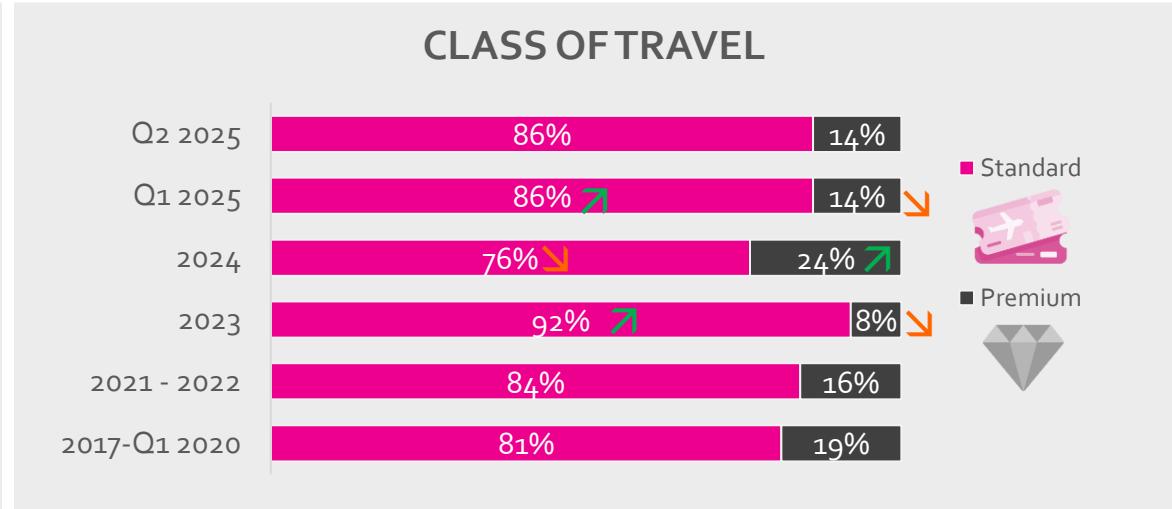
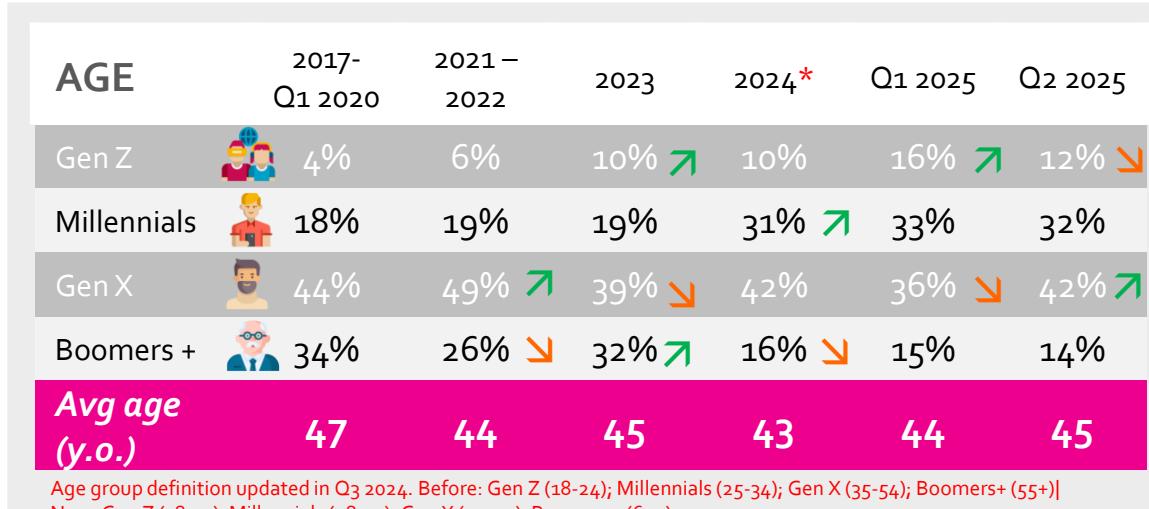
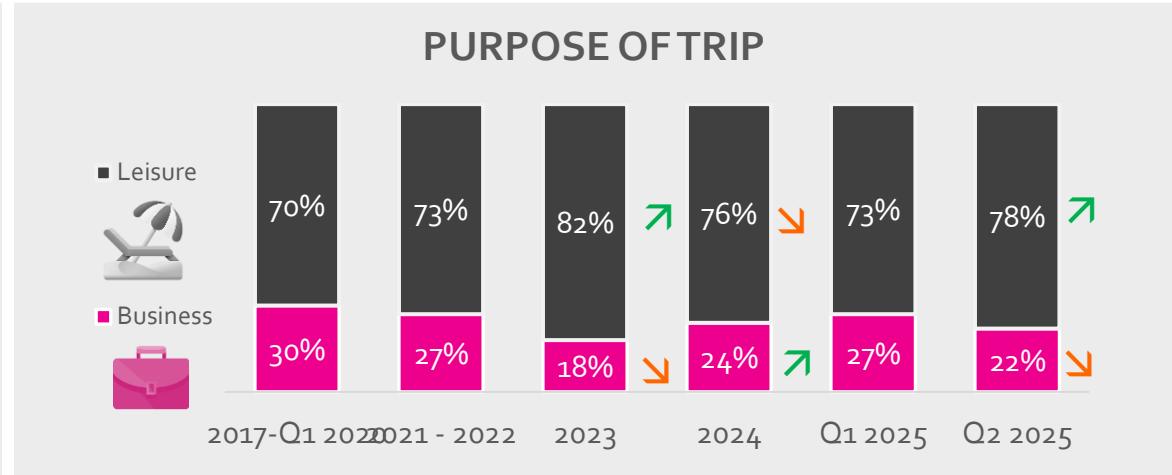
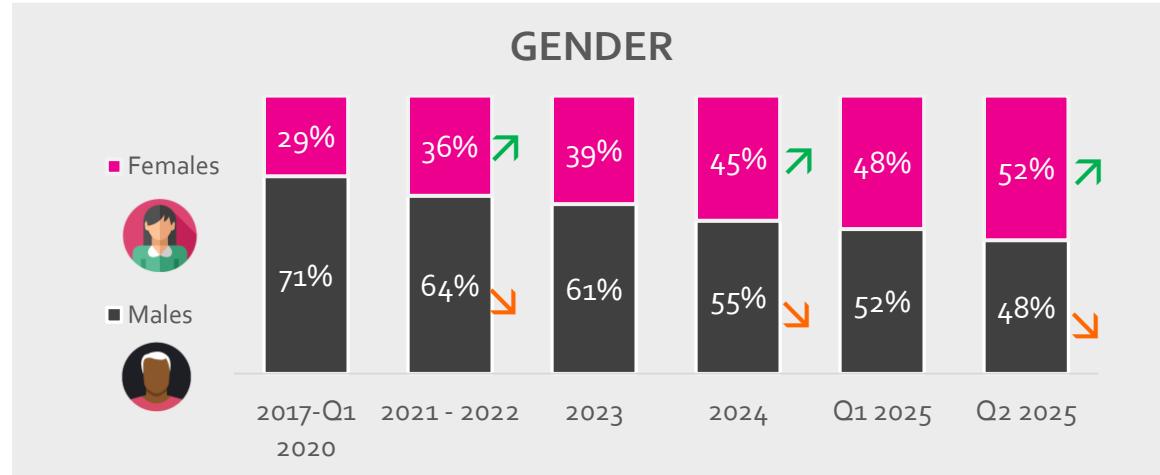
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Who are Alcohol non-buyers in Q2 2025?

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# DEMOGRAPHICS & TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

## ALCOHOL NON-BUYERS – TRENDS



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ALCOHOL NON-BUYERS (Q2 2025) – COMPARISON BY AIRPORT REGIONS

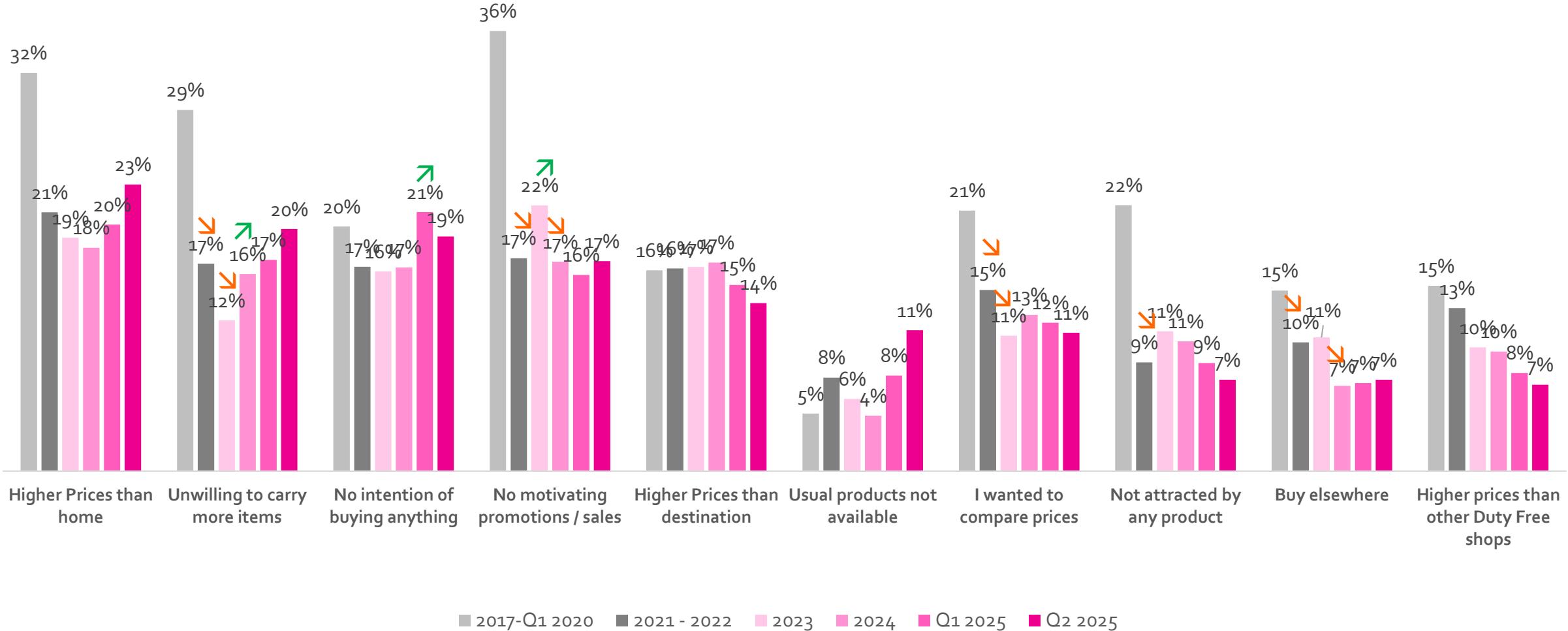
	GLOBAL	Africa & Middle East	Americas	Asia Pacific	Europe
GENDER	Males 	48%	53%	45%	60%
	Females 	52%	47%	55%	40%
AGE	Gen Z 	12%	29%	10%	1%
	Millennials 	32%	12%	27%	54%
	Middle Aged 	42%	41%	57%	34%
	Seniors 	14%	18%	7%	10%
Avg. age		45 y.o.	42 y.o.	46 y.o.	43 y.o.
TRAVEL PURPOSE	Leisure 	78%	94%	79%	75%
	Business 	22%	6%	21%	25%
CLASS OF TRAVEL	Standard 	86%	100%	80%	67%
	Premium 	14%	0%	20%	33%
green / orange cells indicate significantly higher / lower vs global figures					

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Why do Alcohol visitors decide not to purchase?

# BARRIERS OF PURCHASE

## ALCOHOL NON-BUYERS (Q2 2025)



Price concerns remain the top barrier to purchase. The lack of motivating promotions and a general disinterest in buying are growing issues, both trending upward.

# TOP BARRIERS OF PURCHASE

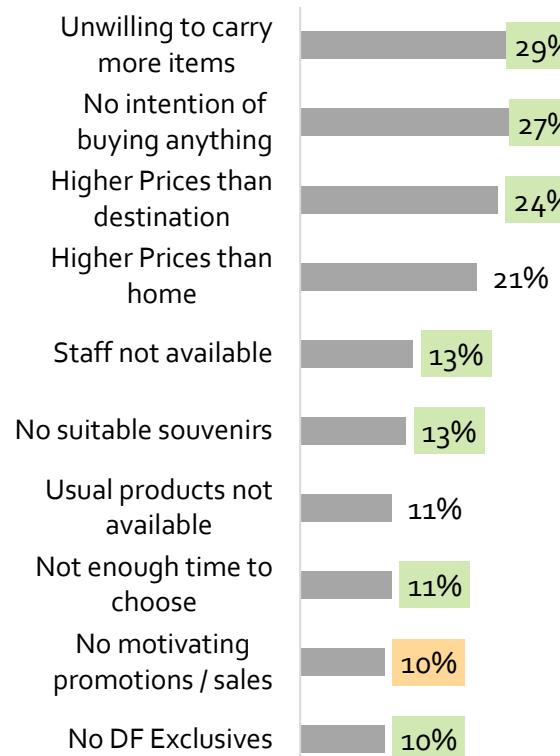
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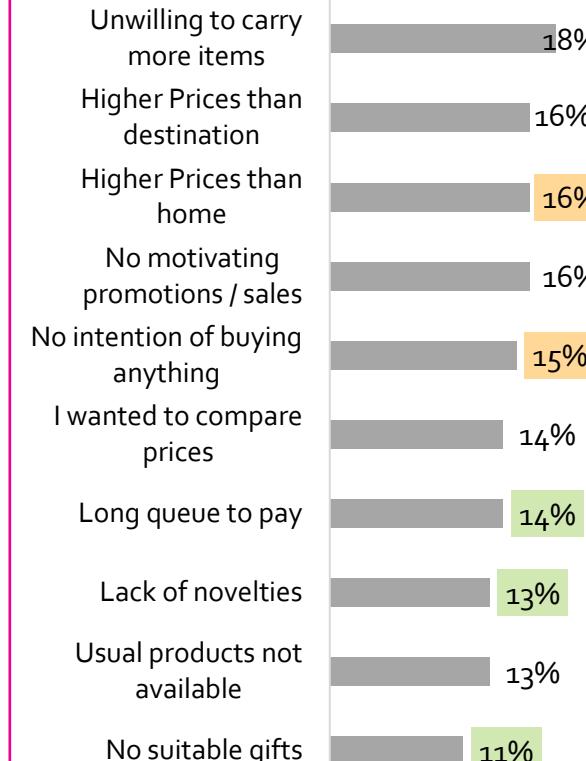
## Africa & Middle East



## Americas



## Asia Pacific



## Europe

