# **LEARNINGS & NEW NORMAL**

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## **LEARNINGS SUMMARY OVERVIEW**



#### **Maintaining Business Continuity**

(Short-term)

### Managing the Crisis

(Medium-term)

#### Challenges/ trends

- Promotional elasticity is likely to decrease given the primary focus on meeting "basic needs"
- Need for consumer health & safety
- Evolution of elderly as consumer group (i.e., shopping support initially)
- Pantry-loading and panic buying: consumers depend on stores to have necessary items and provide safe in-store environment

- Pressure from recession: more focus on discount products and attractive promotions
- Shifts in current consumer segmentations as retailers and manufacturers lose certain consumers but gain on others
- Consumers expect brands to tell the truth, value people over profits, and use resources for greater good

## Key learnings



- Reduce / redirect promotions to ease store and supply chain operations
- Shift focus of promotions to online and reduce / eliminate physical marketing efforts (e.g., leaflets)
- Manage consumer disappointment with out of stocks
- Step-up in-store hygiene and adopt social distancing practices
- Communicate to consumers that the organization cares about their safety and consumption needs
- Promote ways for at-risk groups to shop without physically entering stores
- Manufacturers to collaborate with retailers by maintaining prices during lockdown period



- Tactically revise pricing and promotional plans to meet shoppers' needs and reduced consumer confidence
- Shift more promotions to consumer-specific actions
- Institutionalize hygiene practices
- Proactive communication with consumers regarding steps retailers and manufacturers are taking to maintain safety for all
- Manufacturers launch social help campaigns (e.g., repurposing manufacturing plants and materials to produce hand sanitizers and PPE)
- Prepare multiple phase 3 scenarios
- Change promotions strategy to maintain large and less frequent baskets to preserve consumer loyalty
- The "new normal" proposition where the retailer can lead the market or respond most effectively

## **NEW NORMAL HIGHLIGHTED INSIGHTS**



#### **Adapting to the New Normal**

(Long-term)

# **Emerging Issues**

Rapidly evolving market

Shifts in consumer behaviour

Promotion and innovation planning challenges

Need for affordability given declining economic conditions



- A. Determine desired position in the reset market, and how to migrate current captive consumer base to continue shopping longterm. DON'T wait for the market to determine where you belong
- B. Adapt "real time" with fresh data from loyalty programs, online channels, and social listening to improve pricing strategies and curate promotional and loyalty programs
- C. Manufacturers to take opportunity to communicate commitments to society

- A. Analyse the structure and profitability of consumer base in context of the market reset
- B. Decide which shopping styles were predominant in the environment where price was not a deciding factor (i.e., healthier eating, storecupboard recipes, more ecommerce)
- C. Re-position your brand for the "new normal" shopping world, including clear view on price position
- D. Use "new normal" situation to redesign and focus brand and promotional plans: focusing on traffic, innovation, new channels, and value creation
- E. Manufacturers to leverage recent sell-through data to focus communication and innovation

- A. Manufacturers and retailers to plan promotions jointly
- B. Bring new products through the system faster – COVID-19 showed that this is possible
- C. Use detailed retail insights to define where innovation is needed
- D. Adapt promotional planning to new consumer elasticities and supply chain realities
- A. Promote affordability for as much of the population as possible by designing specific value propositions (e.g., core products, affordable pack size by unit, product promotions)
- B. Prioritize ensuring that the target consumer will be able to afford the essential products and communicate to the community
- C. Innovate products, services, and financial mechanisms to optimize for affordability for as much of the population as possible

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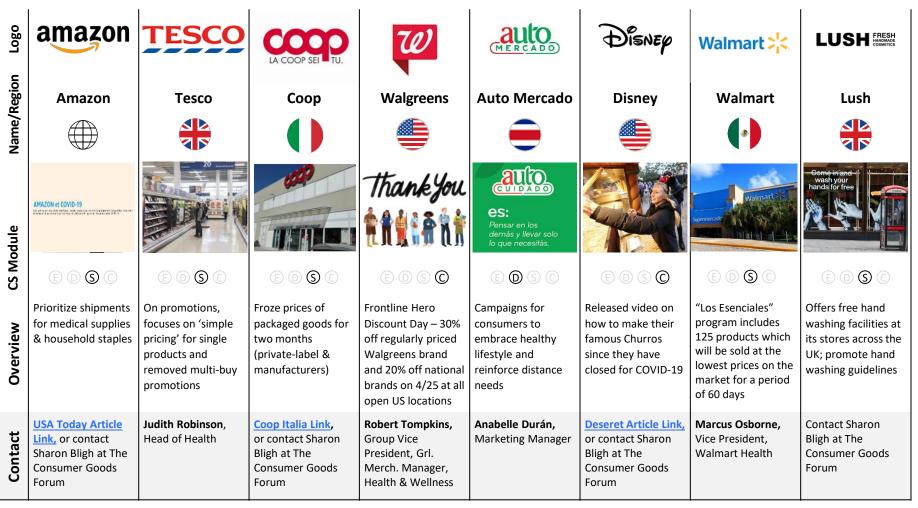




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