# Good times for a change

DANGEROUS CROSSROADS, SLIDING DOORS

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#### Content of this document

- This document contains an update on the luxury goods market, in particular:
  - Insight into the performance of the market for the first three quarters of 2024, with expectations for the last quarter
  - Estimates for how the luxury market will evolve beyond 2024, with related emerging macro trends
  - Bain's recommendations for how luxury players can steer the next phase of growth

#### Sources of this document

- The insights are based on Bain's triangulation of information and sources, available as of November 10, 2024, and include:
  - Macroeconomic data (e.g., GDP, consumer confidence index) and the latest forecasts
  - Current trading performance from relevant luxury industry players
  - Annual reports, quarterly results, and analyst reports
  - Consensus of 100+ expert interviews
- Outlooks do not consider disruptive changes in the global sociopolitical situation vs. the status quo

## Luxury markets 2024 in a slight slowdown Bright spots from experiences and experiential goods

### Global luxury markets

€B | 2024E

**@CONSTANT FX** 

**VS. 2019** 

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+27/29%

(3%)

+5/6%

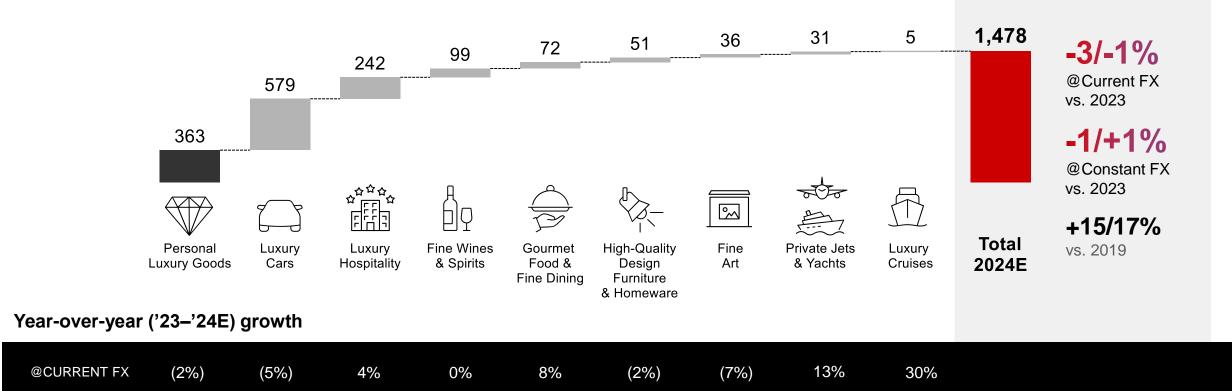
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+16/18%

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+29/31% +35/36%

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(1%)

+20/22%

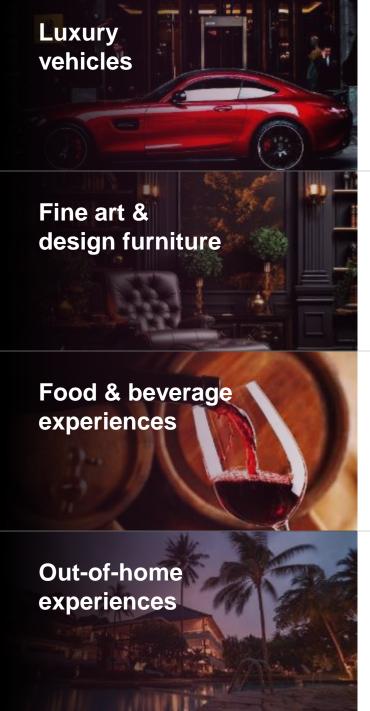
(7%)

**-2/0%** 

14%

31%

+29/34% +130/140%



### **Luxury cars**

Polarized across segments, with upperpremium suffering slowdown in demand, and competition from local players in APAC markets, while absolute luxury holds strong, consumers seek ultra-personalized solutions while brands continue investing in strengthening their proximity to consumers

### **Luxury yachts**

Continue experiencing persistent growth in deliveries, rooted in significant backlogs accrued in last years, despite progressive orders slowdown, with rising interest for tech-enabled solutions on board

### **Private jets**

On positive momentum, with fleet upgrade pushed by increasing regulatory pressure toward biofuels and rising interest for fractional-oriented ownership models and subscription services enhancing flexibility

#### Fine art

Sharp decrease, with auctions facing setbacks from geopolitical tensions, and weak dealer performance mostly limited to local clientele; continued interest from institutional investors and cultural promoters toward minorities – yet still not cutting into broader clienteles

### **High-quality design**

Still on negative trend amid heightened and persistent macroeconomic pressures, with stronger traction in high-end projects for top-tier clientele, while traditional multi-brand channel suffers from sluggish consumer traffic and challenges in interpreting "new" client desires

#### Wine

Exhibiting negative growth, with cautious consumer spending and de-stocking driving short-term turbulence; bubbles fatiguing more than stills and nuances across regions, with US suffering from consumer downtrading, and China slowing down

### **Spirits**

Low single-digit path, with mixology-led consumption remaining resilient while meditation-driven use suffering;
NextGens shifting elements of value in drinking value propositions favoring rise of NoLo (no-low alcohol) alternatives and RTDs (ready-to-drinks)

### **Gourmet food and fine dining**

Fine dining overgrowing at home food, with raising demand for immersive, entertainment-oriented experiences, blending traits from different worlds (art, perfumery, and design) to satisfy an unquenchable desire for uniqueness; growing emphasis for ethical and environmentally conscious food

### **Luxury hotels**

**Normalizing** after last year surge, with strong **occupancy rate** and **ADRs** stabilizing significantly above pre-Covid levels; raising demand for cross-generational "family" trips, paired with increasing interest for **wellness and experience-driven travels**, steering brands offer toward encompassing more **holistic solutions** 

### Luxury cruises

On continued strong momentum fueled by reaffirmed interest of HNWI; fleet expansion within ultra-luxury segment paving the way for more intimate cruising experiences, complemented by increasing consumer interest for adventure-focused itineraries focused on environmental conservation

## Luxury vehicles polarizing: ultra-high range holding up, aspirational suffering



#### Luxury cars

€579B

Market size 2024E (€B)

-6/-4% YoY growth '23-'24E

-5/-3% @K

+5/6%

Growth vs. 2019

### Private jets and yachts

€31B

Market size 2024E (€B)

**12/14%** 

13/15%

YoY growth '23-'24E

@K

**+29/34%** Growth vs. 2019

- Contrasting effects across segments impacting overall luxury cars market growth
  - Light growth in Absolute segment, confirming its resilience rooted on strong category palatability for HNWI; however, sharp polarization, with some heritage brands dealing with hurdles in managing their product lifecycle
  - Aspirational and Accessible segments suffering contraction, due to weaker customer demand within affluent consumers, and clearance of postcovid order backlogs
  - Nuanced trends across regions, with positive performance within the West, while Chinese market starts being impacted by rising demand shift toward local players, especially within BEV (Battery Electric Vehicles) segment
- Bespoke, limited-edition models and personalization paving their way, intercepting the demand of luxury customers by providing unique, tailored driving experiences
  - Al-driven customization playing a paramount role in enhancing fully-tailored experience, with vehicles enabled to learn and adapt to driver driving preferences progressively
  - Increasingly, direct client-designer collaborations allowing for creation of one-of-a-kind vehicles, emphasizing both exclusivity and sustainability, as consumers prioritize eco-conscious solution and cutting-edge technology
- Luxury automakers **continue their push for narrowing their distance toward final consumers**, rising investments in **virtual showrooms** to cater to tech-savvy young generations
- Luxury Yachts market settled for another record year, with sharp growth in deliveries rooted on wide backlog, yet with emerging (light) slowdown in new orders intake expected to impact growth in the coming years
  - European shipyards further advancing their market share, with noticeable growth from both Turkish and Italian ones, at the expense of other areas
  - Increasing interest from NextGens owners in fully-fledged outdoor solutions allowing for wide contact with nature, leading to designs blurring boundaries between indoor and outdoor and prioritizing wellness, while preserving space versatility to adapt to multiple uses
  - Growing emphasis on on-board technology, powered by AI to enhance personalized experiences for guests, and renewable energy sources
- **Private Jet market** on **positive growth trajectory**, with first signals of positive contribution emerging from "forced" fleet renewal on account of increasing regulatory push toward **Sustainable Aviation Fuels** (SAFs)
  - Growing diffusion of "flying on demand" services based on fractional ownership and / or subscription models, aimed at enhancing flexibility, airplane utilization, and accessibility for a broader audience

### Design still suffering amid persisting macroeconomic pressures, fine arts impacted by global uncertainty



Fine art

Market size 2024E (€B)

YoY growth '23-'24E

-2/0%

Growth vs. 2019

### High quality design furniture & homeware

Market size 2024E (€B)

-2/0%

YoY growth '23-'24E

+20/22% Growth vs. 2019

- Fine art market experiencing sharp decrease on account of setbacks from geo-political disorders, with public auctions suffering more than private sales
  - Public auctions experiencing high single digit decline, on account of intensified geo-political tensions and lower volume of high-value lots being allocated
  - Private dealers exhibiting weak performance on both leading players and small-scale ones, with mid-single digit decline with dealers struggling to expand beyond hyper-local clientele
  - Asian, particularly Chinese market the most resilient across sectors given strong intra-country trade of old masters and Chinese old masters
  - Modern and contemporary market growing, mainly volume driven, with Old Masters losing market share
- Continued interest from institutional investors and cultural promoters toward minorities yet still not cutting into broader clienteles
  - Higher female artist representation in both public and private, especially in primary market galleries
  - Increasing demand for diverse voices especially within the contemporary and ultra contemporary
- Digital sales outgrowing third-party platforms within private dealers' market, in attempt to gain proximity to HNWIs, with growing role of online viewing rooms (OVRs)
- Core high-quality design market still suffering amid persistent macroeconomic challenges and a cooling real estate market, with presence of selected strong demand pockets driving high polarization in brands' performance
  - Strong traction for upper-end luxury contract market across segments (residential, hospitality, marine, ...), with focus on exclusivity and hyper-tailoring
  - Conversely, lower growth within entry-to-luxury segment as well as within more B2C-oriented channels
  - Across regions, stronger Southern Europe, polarized trends in Americas and UK, while Central Europe and Asia suffers the most; GCC maintaining sound growth of account of large-scale luxury residential and commercial projects development
- Multi-brand channel grappling with decreasing foot traffic and shifting consumer patterns, impacting overall channel growth
  - Significant portion of dealers struggling with decoding the evolving needs of younger, experience-driven clients, leading to a need for brand repositioning and more dynamic consumer engagement
- Similar growth paces across categories, with outdoor normalizing toward indoor spaces, and kitchen growing alongside living-and-bedroom spaces

## Food still on trend (within and outside homes), wines impacted by downtrading



#### Fine wine and spirits

€99B

Market size 2024E (€B)

-1/1 % YoY growth '23-'24E

1/3%

29/31%

Growth vs. 2019

### Gourmet food and fine dining

€72B

Market size 2024E (€B)

**7/9%**YoY growth '23–'24E

+35/36%

9/11%

oy growth 23–24E

Growth vs. 2019

- Fine Wine exhibiting slightly negative growth, with cautious consumer spending and de-stocking driving short-term turbulence
  - Sparkling wines exhibiting stark declines within Europe, given adverse weather conditions and the US, especially for French bubbles while Italian sparkling remaining resilient
  - Luxury stills fatiguing across denominations, especially for reds exception made for Tuscan origins, proving to outgrow market
  - Resort-location led consumption of rosé wines remaining relevant
  - US consumption suffering on account of consumer downtrading, yet holding up above pre-Covid levels; conversely, polarized picture in APAC, with positive Japan, while China suffers from curbing spending on celebration-oriented sparkling wines (e.g., Champagne)
- Spirits on low single-digit positive path, with mixology-led consumption remaining resilient while meditation-driven use suffering
  - Cognac and spirit remain impacted by US slower demand and macro-economic uncertainty
  - Agave-based spirits' growth as status spirits has continued rising
  - Baijiu remaining dominant in China, yet impacted by overall slowdown of Chinese consumer spending
- NextGens shifting elements of value in their drinking value propositions favoring rise of NoLo (no-low alcohol) alternatives and RTDs (ready-to-drinks)
- Sound high-single digit growth for fine dining, propelled by raising demand for new concepts with multisensory and unforgettable atmosphere
  - Ultra-private dining clubs leverage artists, perfumers, and designers to elevate the experience and craft immersive environments offering unique culinary journeys
  - Rediscovery of traditional cuisine and vintage dining experiences evoking nostalgia, with retro dishes served on classic tableware gaining popularity
- Growing emphasis on locally sourced, seasonal menus with less-refined ingredients, supporting local economies while promoting personal health
  - Expansion of plant-based foods and alternative proteins driven by rising demand, particularly in the tourism sector, as consumers seek healthier, ethical, and environmentally conscious options
  - Food recycling and zero-waste initiatives gain momentum, with creative techniques to minimize waste and repurpose ingredients
- Technology and AI are increasingly embraced to push the boundaries of personalization and craft unique, tailored
  experiences
  - Al-curated tasting menus with tailored suggestions based on past preferences contribute to making each dining experience more personal
  - 3D Food Printing technology allows for intricate edible designs and personalized cuisine options

## Travel experiences continue to burgeon, emphasizing uniqueness and authenticity



### Luxury hospitality

€242B

Market size 2024E (€B)

3/5% YoY growth '23–'24E

1/6%

+16/18%

Growth vs. 2019

### **Luxury cruises**

€5B

Market size 2024E (€B)

**2**9/31%

30/32%

YoY growth '23-'24E

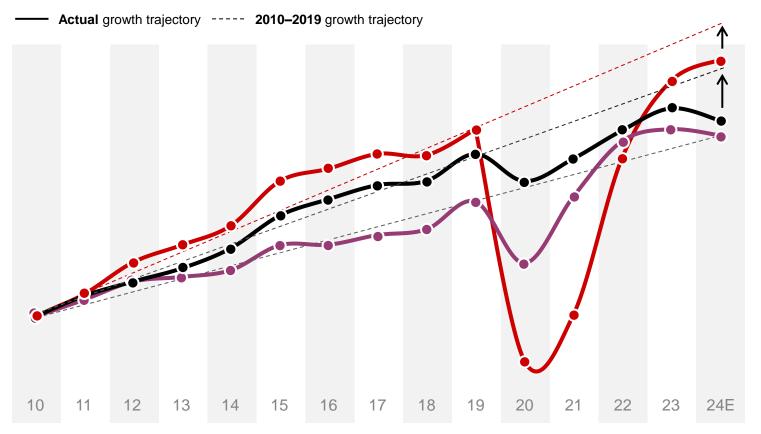
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**+130/140%** Growth vs. 2019

- **Performance normalization** in luxury hospitality market, led by a **stabilization of occupancy** rates and strong **ADRs**, trending well-above prepandemic levels, with potential quests for **price re-calibration in the longer term**
- Growing focus on (hyper)-personalized experiences to meet ever-increasing expectations of travelers, leveraging on technology and data collection
  - Advanced data analytics and AI are helping luxury hotels in personalizing guest experiences, from room preferences to tailored itineraries and streamlining operations (e.g., automated check-ins, dynamic pricing...)
  - First-party data emerging as crucial enablers for personalization and tailored marketing campaigns to foster customer loyalty, conversion and mitigating the surge of digital marketing costs
- Rise in high-value bookings, often linked with cross-generational family trips, and increase in advance reservations one to two years ahead, suggesting a heightened interest in securing priority access to exclusive experiences
- Wellness tourism and demand for experience-driven travel are steering the industry toward more holistic offerings
  - Young travelers increasingly looking for cultural immersion and authenticity (especially Safari) as well as a health and well-being services (e.g., yoga retreats, spa treatments, smart sleep technology) with strong polarization across generation as Baby Boomers prefer traditional services
- Luxury Cruise market continue to expand at sound paces, with double digit growth fueled by re-affirmed customer interest and fleet expansion
  - Offer expansion mostly focused on ultra-luxury segment, with hospitality-born players stepping in to diversify the bundle of experiences they can offer to their top-customers, as well as on experiential cruises, with progressive growth of fleet sizes
- · Opposite trend across segments
  - Entry-to-luxury brands progressively **increasing their ship sizes** and berth numbers seeking for **economies of scale** and fuel savings
  - Conversely, ultra-luxury brands pushing either for small ships ensuring intimacy, or for larger ones yet designed to preserve exclusivity through setup of large-scale "personal" areas
- Increasing interest in adventure-focused itineraries, with voyages to remote and extreme destinations paying special attention to sustainability and environmental conservation

## Amid global uncertainty, experiences leading over products

### **Growth of global luxury goods segments, indexed to 2010**



Notes: Growth shown at current exchange rates; experience-based goods include fine art, luxury cars, private jets and yachts, fine wines and spirits, and gourmet food; luxury products include high-end furniture/housewares and personal luxury goods; experiences include luxury hospitality, cruises, and fine dining

	<b>CAGR</b> '10–'19	<b>CAGR</b> '19-'24E	<b>YoY</b> '23–'24E
Total Market	7%	3%	-3/-1%
Experiences	9%	4%	5%
Experience-based goods	8%	2%	-3%
Luxury products	6%	5%	-2%

### **Experiences**

**Maintaining sound traction**, as luxury consumers continue shifting spending toward **travel experiences** and **social events**, favoring personal treatment and wellness over consumerism

### **Experience-based goods**

Showing twofold trend, with contraction within entry-to-luxury segment, while absolute luxury continues catering strong interest from HNWIs

### **Luxury products**

Slowing down, pressured by last year's inflationary spikes and elevation

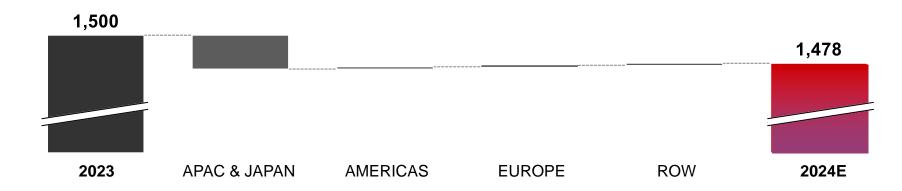
### LUXURY MARKETS IN 2024

# Slowdown of broad luxury markets

Mainly led by Asia, stable within other regions

### Global luxury market evolution by region

€B | 2023-2024E



### **APAC & Japan**

- Adverse macroeconomics impacting locals spending across countries, more extensively within China
- Fine dining holding up better, favored by touristic inflows and by increasing demand for local and authentic experiences
- Local competitions in selected segments rising and capturing share of luxury consumers' demand

### **Americas**

- Americas pressured by fluctuating consumer confidence and aspirational customers downtrading
- HNWI-oriented categories overperforming, favored by resilient consumer appetite
- Luxury hospitality maintaining traction in Americas, led by intraregional tourism and revamp of business travel

### **Europe**

- Stronger performance within Southern Europe, across all categories
- Olympics undermined France performance outside hospitality
- Central and Northern Europe showing signs of polarization across categories
  - UK suffering from weaker-than-before touristic spending, DACH slowing down on locals

### **ROW**

- Nuanced picture in Middle East across countries, with stronger UAE, slower Saudi, and some areas impacted by escalating geopolitical tensions
- Best performing region for high quality design (led by projects segment) and experience-based goods

YoY '23-'24E

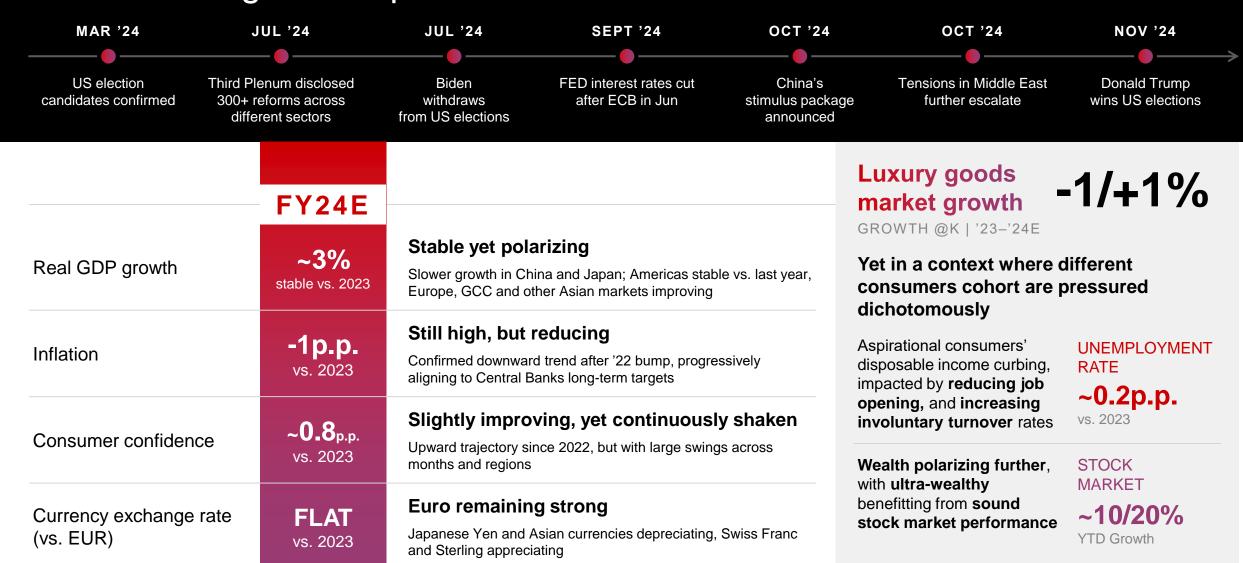
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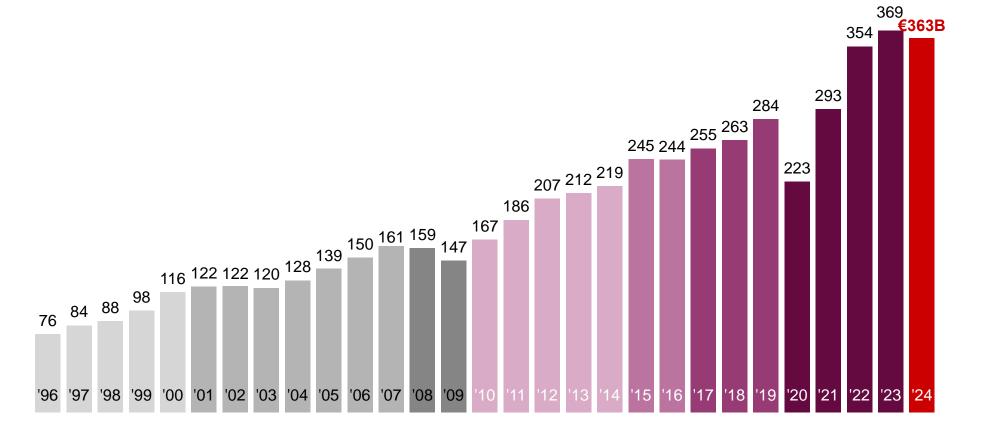
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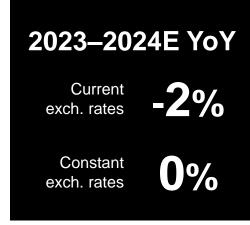
+1/3%

## Uncertain – yet stable – macroeconomic scenario, but with rising wealth polarization



### Personal luxury goods: first slowdown in 15 years (excl. Covid), after the Great Recession







"Sortie du temple"

**Democratization** 

Crisis

Chinese **Acceleration**  Reboot New

Normal

Covid-19 & Rebound

**Elevation** 

## Lowering quarterly trajectory Q4 performance highly exposed to short-term winds

Personal luxury goods market evolution by Quarter



- Improving conditions in China, with unemployment further reducing, and encouragement of stimulus packages
- · Japan continues flourishing
- EU and US on good momentum, driven by improved consumer confidence and underlying macroeconomics

- US progressing to a slow-paced upswing scenario
- · Continued negative performance in China
- Japan and Europe continue posting growth, yet locals facing harder times vs. H1

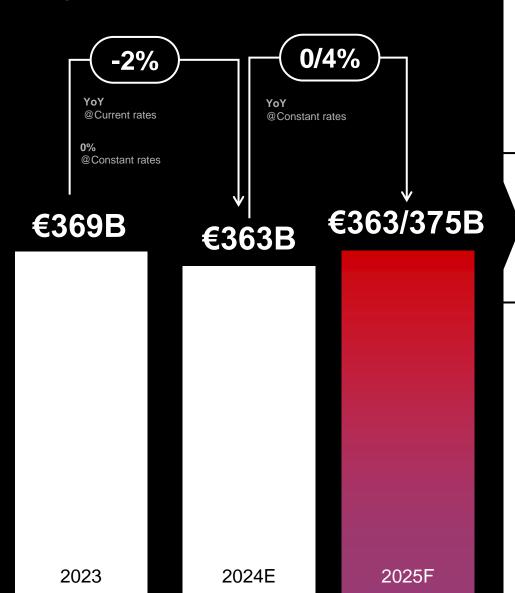
- US post-election volatility cuts into holiday season spending
- China deceleration worsens
- EU lacks resilience on locals
- Tourism inflows in Japan halting down as yen reinforces

Note: @K = growth at constant exchange rates

FULL-YEAR MARKET GROWTH (2024E VS. 2023)

### **Personal luxury goods market**

% GROWTH | 2024E AND 2025F AT CONSTANT EXCH. RATES



### What should we expect for 2025?

### **Probability**



Note: 1 - Referring to People's Republic of China; @K = Growth at constant exchange rates

### 2024E at a glance

YoY growth 2023-2024E (%)



Japan leading, China under pressure



Shrinking customer base, curbing volumes



Outlet winning over full-price as gateway



Beauty and eyewear holding up



Younger generations pulling back

Japan

Europe

**Rest of World** 

**Americas** 

**Rest of Asia** 

China

2022

~400M



2024E

~350/360M

**Price** 

**Volumes** 





**Travel Retail** 

Outlet

Mono-brand

Online

**Stores** 

Department Stores Specialty Beauty

Eyewear

**Jewelry** 

**Apparel** 

Leather goods

**Shoes** 

**Watches** 

**Boomers** 

Gen X

**Millennials** 

Gen Z

### 2024E

# Time to (re-)establish creativity, customer and coherence as core pillars of the luxury equation where old and new playbooks coexist

LEVERAGING ALL THE VISIBLE MARKET SIGNALS AND WARNINGS



TODAY



Sustained tourist flows moving consumption

from US and China to Europe and Japan, while local customers

while **local customers suffering** globally

Q

Diffused downturn

Most product categories, brands, and channels suffering



Consumer base shrinking

in response to continued elevation, with **older generations** gaining share and further concentration on **top customers** 



Advocacy dropping

for luxury, across generations and spending tiers



Skyrocketing polarization

in performances, pressuring **profits** 



ahead

Dangerous crossroads and sliding doors

YET

American and Middle Eastern customers growing

Some bright spots

in creative and content-rich products, "new" entry-to-luxury, value-for-money channels

**Gen Z** gaining share **in Asia** 

Appetite for luxury remaining strong

Tech, MarTech, and Performance improvement

to help

Good times for a change

## Glimmers of hope in Europe and Americas; Japan still championing although cooling down; China navigating turbulent waters

#### **JAPAN**

Favorable currency rates continue to fuel surge in tourist spending throughout the first half of the year

**Momentum slowing down** in H2 as currency and pricing realigned

Locals losing ground, progressively shifting spending toward entry categories and upperpremium brands

Strong appetite for jewelry through the year across consumer pools

### **EUROPE**

Southern Europe still solid, with fairly notable performance of Tier-1 cities and resort locations, whereas Tier-2 hubs suffer

Tourism sustaining growth with continued appetite of Americans; Chinese progressively slowing down after strong start during Chinese New Year

UK and Northern Europe facing harder times with more limited luxury tourist inflows; Paris summer season undermined by Olympics

### **REST OF WORLD**

Varying picture within the Middle East: positive UAE across the board, more polarized performance within Saudi

Local escalating tensions impacting selected consumer pools' spending and partially affecting touristic inflows

Jewelry still most resilient category this year, followed by good traction of Beauty market – sustained by both local and tourist consumption

#### **AMERICAS**

US shows greener shoots, despite fluctuating consumer confidence: upward quarterly trajectory, though foot traffic across key cities slows down

Aspirational consumer pressured, flowing their spending toward contemporary and upper-premium brands

Polarized performance outside US, with (Eastern) Canada suffering lack of Chinese tourists, while positive notes stemming from LATAM (Mexico, Brazil)

### ASIA

South Korea favored by last year comparable, still weak on local consumptions, but progressively benefitting from growing tourism

HK and Macau suffering from lack of Chinese consumers, with large installed footprints likely to be rebalanced in the future

Weak performance across
Southeast Asian markets,
with volatile locals and
limited intra-regional touristic
inflows; Australia suffering, on
account of high interest
rates

### MAINLAND CHINA

Sharp slowdown, worsening throughout the year, with weak macroeconomic fundamentals jeopardizing domestic spending, and continued consumer outflow

More positive performance for understated and timeless styles, and brands able to deeply engage with local consumers

Government stimulus plan yet to translate into consumption acceleration

MARKET SIZE 2024E | €B

~€33B

~€110B

~€22B

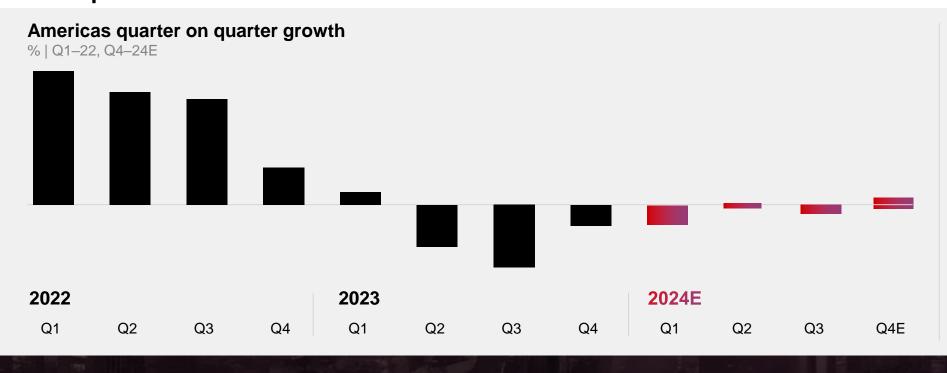
~€100B

-€52B

€45B

Note: @K: Growth at constant exchange rates

## US market on improving trajectory, despite traffic halt and relevant outbound tourist flows



### With some sweet factors rising over the horizon



Fed cut of interest rates refueling consumer spending



Presidential election ending turbulent season, with potential boost to economy



Reducing inflation freeing up disposable income



Potential tax cut further fueling retail spending.. yet **import tax** on the rise?

### Downtrading of non-VIC

Luxury consumers downtrading toward more value-for-money luxury and nonluxury brands, especially within department stores and outlet malls

### **Unbalanced tourism impacting the region**

Slow recovery of inbound flows, Latin American accelerating in Southern US, yet Chinese losing ground in Canada, while US consumers fly toward Europe

### **Experientiality & uniqueness on the rise**

Hyper-personalized customer service gaining relevance as paramount purchase criterion for new generations, alongside increasing quest for product uniqueness

### **Sunbelt first, East over West**

Continuing wealth flows toward "new" areas driving South performance, East outperforming West

#### WAVES OF TRANSITION

**Europe** holding the bar, yet differently across countries

Real-term European luxury market trend 24E vs. 23

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4E



**7** 

7





International tourists

Locals



### Sound Mediterranean, sluggish northwest countries

Sharp differentiation in performance across countries, Italy and Spain leading

New rising hubs in the East for "nearby" consumer inflows

### Tier-1 and resort driving, secondary locations suffering

Tourism driving performance of Tier-1 cities and resort locations

Weaker locals performance in Tier-2 areas

### Curation and excellence over buzz

High-end offer and hyper-precious materials overperforming

Curation winning over hype to generate traction on the brand

# Sound tourist growth, well above prepandemic levels

Global Blue

24YTD vs. 23

+10/15%





TURNOVER



### Americans still attracted by Europe

UNITED STATES +10% turnover

YTD vs. 2023

3x turnover

...While Chinese (slowly) regaining share



+40% turnover

YTD vs. 2023

0.6–0.7x turnover

### China experiencing substantial pressure, with few winners in a highly complex yet evolving environment

### Diffused down-performance, with only few winners

**BRANDS CLUSTERING BY GROWTH (2024YTD)** 

% on total luxury brands

-20%

0%

60/75%

25/30%

~5%

In a highly complex scenario, where recent consumption dynamics are consolidating

Sluggish economic growth, jeopardizing consumer confidence



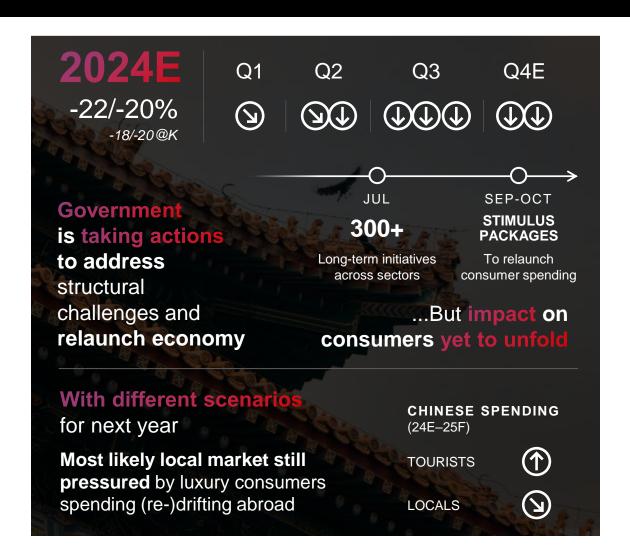
Set-back on events to stay below the radar: "small and private" winning



Rising consumer savviness, pushing growth of "technical understatement"

Gen Z still hot, shouting for enhanced creativity and personalization





### VES OF TRANSITION

## Japan as growth driver

led by touristic inflows, yet largely driven by currency fluctuations



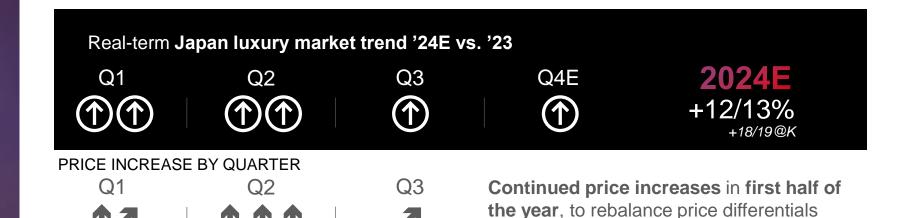
DIFFUSED GROWTH ACROSS LOCATIONS



(MOSTLY) ALIENATED LOCAL, TOURISM LEADING



JEWELRY WINNING, BAGS'
"ACCESSORIZATION" HAPPENING



### Global Blue

against weakening Yen

### Continued growth in tourism, Chinese and beyond



### With a different profile vs. those shopping in Europe



BUYING LESS

-20%

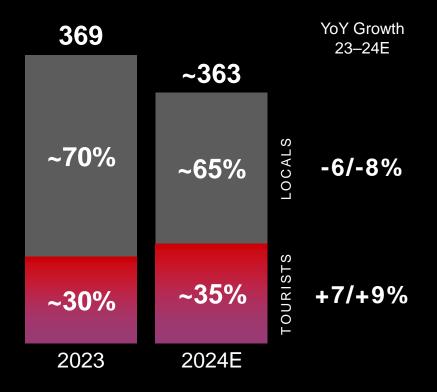
transactions
per shopper

-15%
average spend
per transaction

# **Touristic flows** as **key engine** of personal luxury in 2024

### Personal Luxury Goods growth by customer type

€B | 2023-2024E



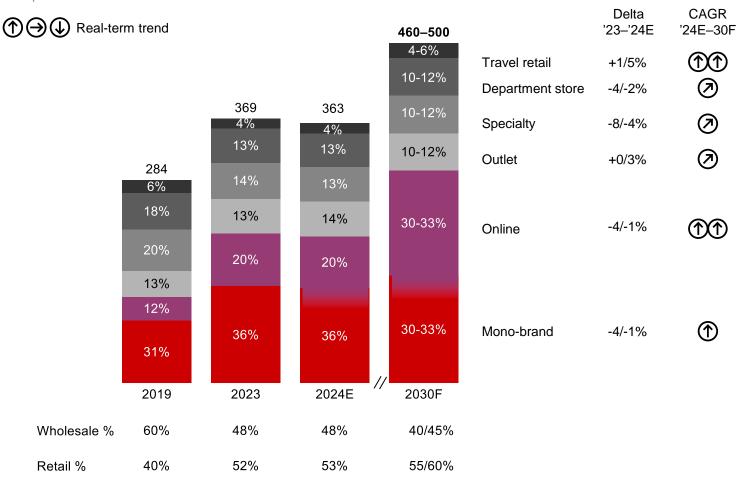
## ... with **American** and **Middle Eastern** consumers gaining share



## Outlet winning over full price, online stabilizing, ongoing pressures on multi-brand

### Personal luxury goods market by channel

€B | 2019-2030F





#### **Travel retail**

Positive channel growth on account of tourism acceleration and tax free advantage, yet hampered by turbulence within Asian beauty market



### **Department and specialty stores**

Ongoing sluggish performance of physical multi-brand environment; lowering markdown pressure as players achieve healthier stock levels vs. last years, but future equation yet to be decoded



#### Outlet

Outlet channel overperforming, driven by raised quest for value-for-money purchase and gaining popularity as preferred entry channel in the market



#### **Online**

Direct online entering in normalization trajectory after postpandemic swings; polarization between winners and losers on multi-brand digital platforms



### **Mono-brand**

Traffic decrease hampering mono-brand stores, with performance driven by growing conversion through human touch effectiveness Conservative store expansion, with

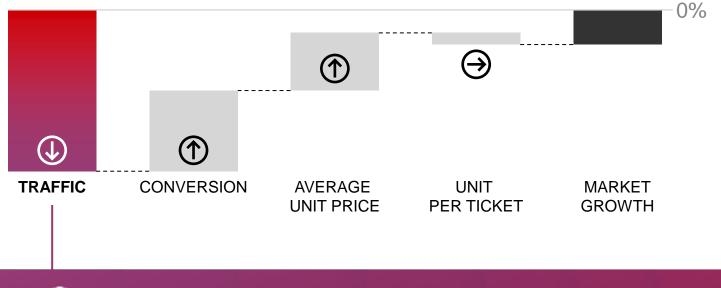
increased attention toward 2025

~1/3
net opening
pace vs. 2023

## Retail walk-ins plummeting, hampering growth of physical channels

Walk-ins plummeting, ticket and conversion up

TREND '23-'24E









HARD LUXURY BRANDS





## How to bring traffic back to store again?



Relaunch store relevance as destination for experiences beyond transactions



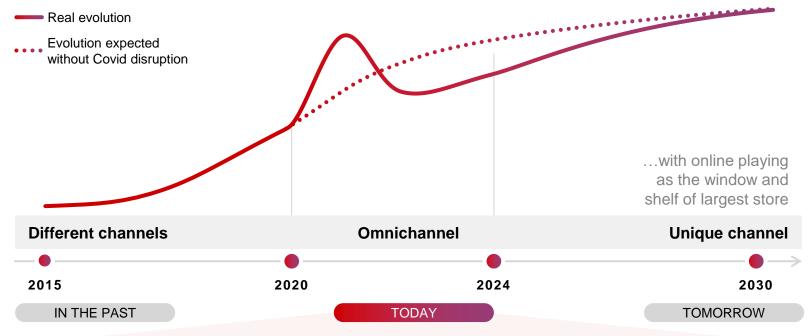
Re-engineer marketing spending to drive both repeat and impulse traffic



Rethink location strategy to intercept flows relevant for the brand

## Online normalizing after postpandemic swings, with key challenges on value proposition to tackle

### ONLINE CHANNEL PENETRATION IN THE MARKET



WITH KEY CHALLENGES TO SOLVE TO DRIVE LONG-TERM CHANNEL PERFORMANCE

Weakening traffic (in line with retail)

-5/10%

VISITS

Worsening UX

-10/15%

Narrowing exploration

-5/10%
PAGES PER VISIT

And significant performance swings across ecosystems

#### ONLINE MONO-BRAND

**Mono-brand** showing twofold trend: **over-growing for winners**, suffering for lower-performers

#### ONLINE MULTI-BRAND

**Multi-brand struggling**: new hopes from **consolidation** ahead?

Stronger performance of affordable luxury and premium brands

#### ONLINE OFF-PRICE

Off-price **growing** as **gateway to luxury** purchases and alternative to
downtrading for affluent consumers

## Beauty and eyewear outshining among categories; accessories and watches facing harder times

#### **BEAUTY**

Beauty on positive growth trajectory in the West, benefiting from consumer seek for small indulgences

Conversely, **APAC market pressured**, with limited cross-country business

Niche fragrances as growth engine, alongside more affordable local brands, growing popularity among younger Gens

**Technology** increasing its role and **entering beauty routines** 

#### EYEWEAR

Positive trend on eyewear across brands, with growth led by expanding creativity within the segment

Up-trading to top price ranges and specialist brands catering to specific customer tastes, needs and passions

Combination of technology and craftsmanship favoring the category consumption across generations

#### **JEWELRY**

The most resilient core luxury category thanks to consistent high-low brand strategies and upgraded customercentric approach

High-jewelry overperforming, pushing savoir faire and technique to new heights

Competition heating up, with luxury fashion houses thriving, and rising local giants aiming to expand outside domestic market

#### **APPAREL**

Ready-to-wear holding up, led by top-price items and renewed preferences for minimalist and understated pieces

Aspirational customers driving their spending toward value-for-money brands, while nurturing growth of activewear and sportswear

Escalation of buy-nowwear-now trend, with consumer moving beyond traditional fashion calendars

### LEATHER

Challenging times for leather goods overall, with top customers still shopping, yet increasingly selective in their purchases

"Timelessness" ruling, but rising demand for injection of a new wave of creativity across price ranges

Small leather goods succeeding among Gen Z-ers, with hyperpersonalization and individualization of products driving demand

### **SHOES**

Footwear performing below other soft luxury categories, impacted by price elevation hampering consumptions of a broader luxury customer base

Consistent
downtrading towards
non-luxury brands
and continuous
challenge by
sport/outdoor
performance segment

#### WATCHES

Watches exiting their recent growth cycle, losing ground in consumer interests' and seeing price drop on secondary market

High **polarization**: only top brands on a positive trajectory

Continued distribution retailization, as brands seek deep connections with customers

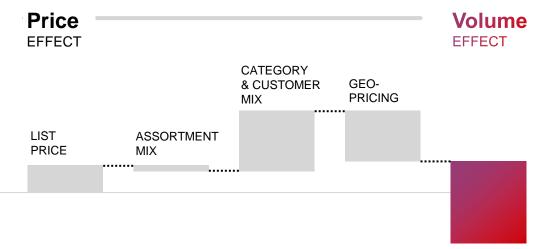
Increasing blur across genders, with rising demand for unique shapes and precious materials



## Volumes continue curbing in light of sustained price/mix elevation

### Market growth

CROSS-CATEGORY DY







Limited list price increase across categories



Re-injection of newness toward entry prices balancing last years' hikes



Driving price mix up, led by higher growth of top customers and loss of aspirational



Turbulent China environment driving price mix down, Yen depreciation impacting differentials toward Japan



Continue volumes shrinking

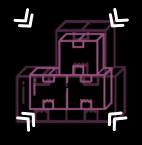
Beauty and eyewear only pockets of (limited) growth, jewelry showing more stability, shoes and watches suffering

### HEIGHTENED EFFECTS ON THE WHOLE SUPPLY CHAIN

### **-20/25%**

#### **SUPPLY CHAIN VOLUMES DROP**

(% | 2022-2024E)



STOCK LEVEL REDUCTION TO UNFREEZE CASH



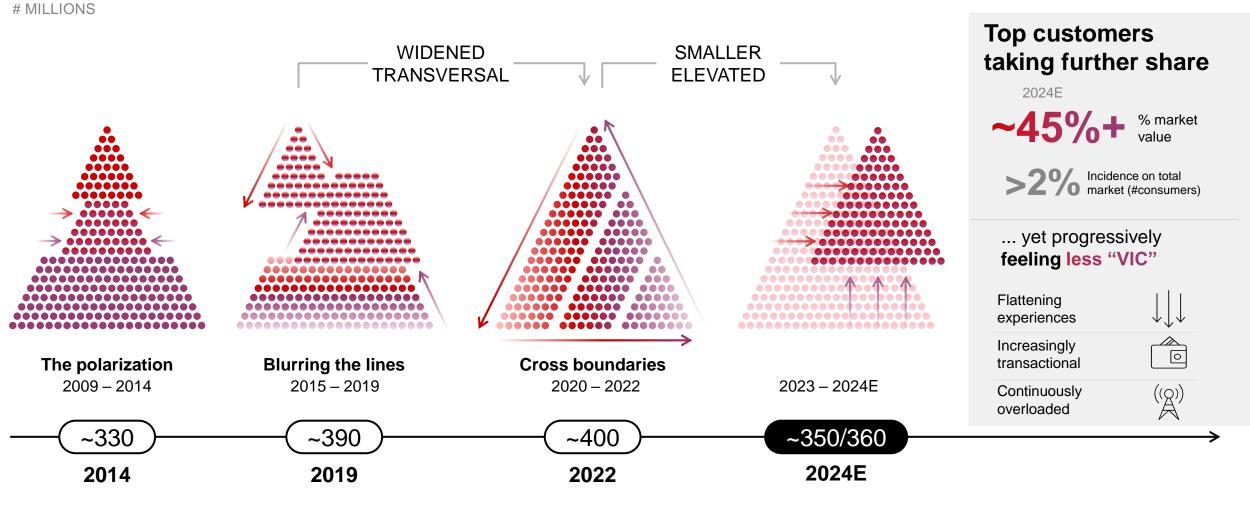
PRODUCT RE-ENGINEERING TO DRIVE COGS SAVINGS



DEMAND FORECASTING AND PLANNING OPTIMIZATION

### Luxury customer base shrinking for the first time in history, while top customers taking further share

Luxury customer base evolution



lost customers

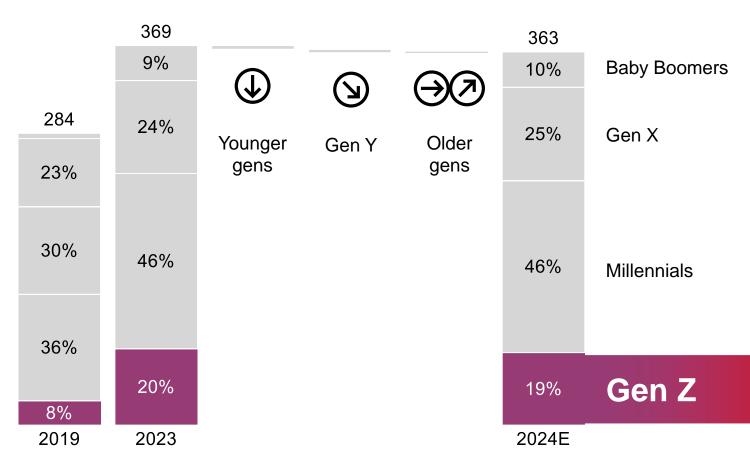
over the last 2 years

~50M

## Younger generations pulling back spending on luxury

### Personal luxury goods market by generation

€B | 2019-2024E



# Although Gen Z showing nuances across regions

CHINA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA Appetite for luxury still there, yet embracing new consumption traits, with increasing attention to product quality and performance

Strong demand for hyperpersonalization across all steps of the customer journey customers reclaim their individuality and look for "small" moments of joy

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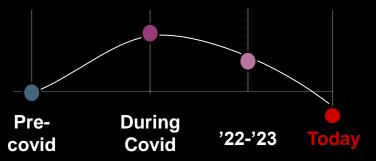
Stronger detachment of Gen Z-ers, with curbing engagement on marketing platforms

Spending increasingly shifting away from luxury products toward more value-oriented purchases, 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand platforms taking share



# Customer advocacy dropping below prepandemic levels

#### LUXURY INDUSTRY NPS®



Trend '24E

Gen X →

Gen Y

Gen Z

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**-25/30**p.p. vs. Gen Y

despite

Next Gen

in last years

hit the hardest

**brands over-investments** 

## Brands to decode customer dissatisfaction drivers, to win back consumer hearts

Weakened value equation from creativity to price

50%+ CONSUMERS CONSIDER
LUXURY BRANDS OVERPRICED

**Disconnection**with true brand DNA
and heritage

Limited personalization and engagement

**Narrow** product focus within value proposition



### Reimagine creativity add-back intrinsic value to products



### **Expand conversation topics**

foster deeper emotional connection, widen occasions



### Scale up the one-to-few

Upgrade (hyper)-personalization, bring 1-1 clienteling at scale



### Leverage experiences

Diversify, cross-sell on existing, attract new audiences

### **BLEND THE**

## customer lens

INTO

THE VALUE PROPOSITION

### Lifetime

To tune and personalize the value proposition across all axes

### **Share-of-wallet**

To look at full consumer luxury spending, within and beyond current categories

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### Interests

To craft high-impact stories, to become relevant into their lives

### **Journey**

To enhance experience across all consumer touchpoints

THE BRAND

### THROUGH



### "4.0" Customer Intelligence

Blend internal and external data sources to advance customer knowledge



### Real-time and **Predictive NPS**

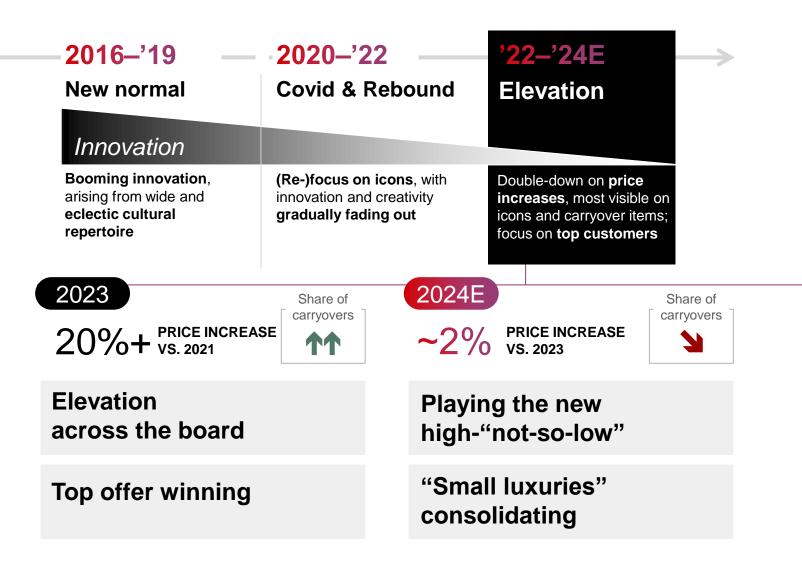
Embed advocacy monitoring in core processes, to drive continuous learning, and improvement

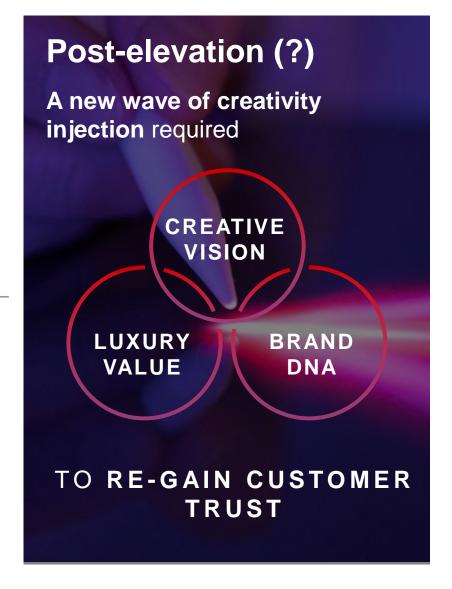


### Modular **Personalization**

Create scalable customization solutions, tailored to each consumer segment, seamlessly combinable

## Time for brands to rediscover the true luxury equation, finding the perfect blend between all ingredients





Complex luxury competitive arena, with pressures coming from multiple directions

### **Giants suffering**

Size itself is not a driver of success anymore

**TOP 8 BRANDS** PERFORMANCE

~1/2p.p.

**BELOW MARKET** 

VS. 2X IN THE PREVIOUS 5 **YEARS** 

### **NON-LUXURY BRANDS** Blinking to downtrading Becoming viable solutions for redirecting spend to stylish and innovative offer at right price points **LUXURY** COMPETITIVE **ARENA** +10p.p. share of wallet in Next Gens vs. incumbents

### **INSURGENTS**

### **Priced** smart

bridging the gap opened by incumbents

### Content creators

driving new rules on customer engagement

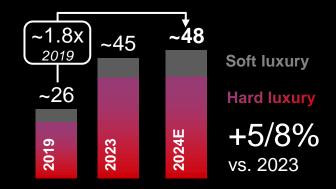
### Younger Gens' savvy

forward-looking, appealing to younger crowds

### 2nd-Hand benefiting from value-for-money quest, across categories

LUXURY SECOND-HAND MARKET EVOLUTION BY **CATEGORY** 

(2019–2024E | €B)



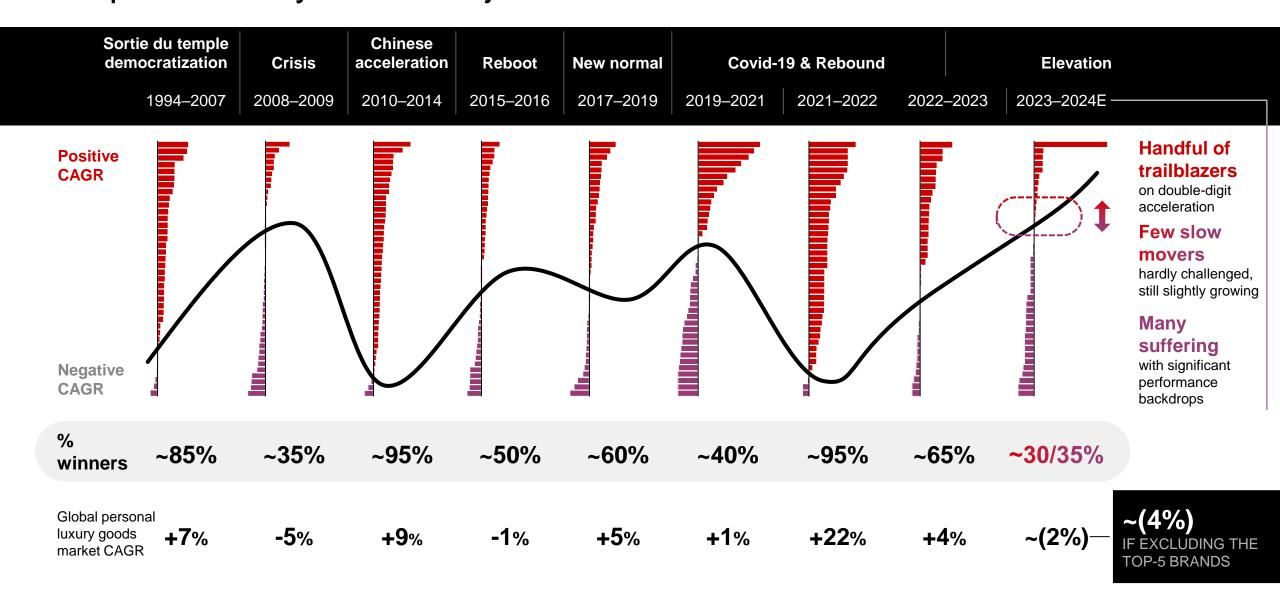
**New gateway to luxury** 

Jewelry and apparel fueling growth

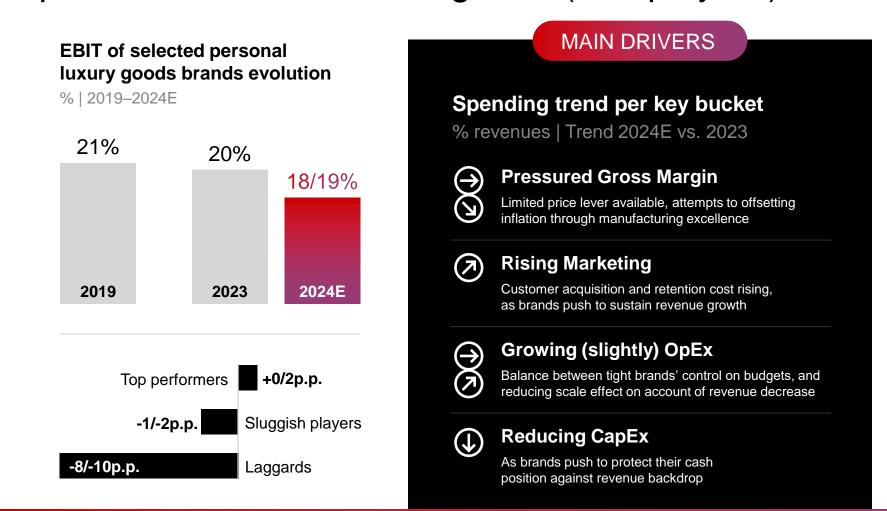
From runways to own platforms

...with luxury brands still to crack the formula to manage the business

## Skyrocketing polarization in 2024E comparable only to last major crisis levels



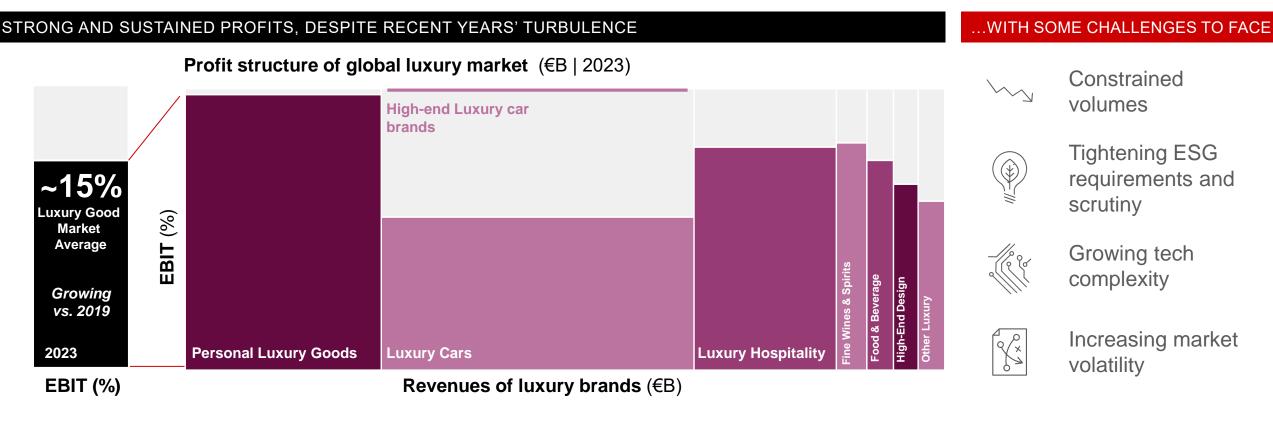
## Margins & cost pressures slowing down profitability, with mixed performance across categories (and players)





Ongoing pressures forecasted for 2025, yet gross margin upsides and operating deleverage to drive improvement

## Luxury Good Markets holding strong profitability: amid upcoming challenges, need to focus on supply chain excellence and resilience



### WITH BRANDS CALLED TO KEEP ENSURING AND NURTURING UPSTREAM EXCELLENCE

FAVOR CO-INVESTMENTS

to stay ahead of industry trends

SUPPORT UPSKILLING

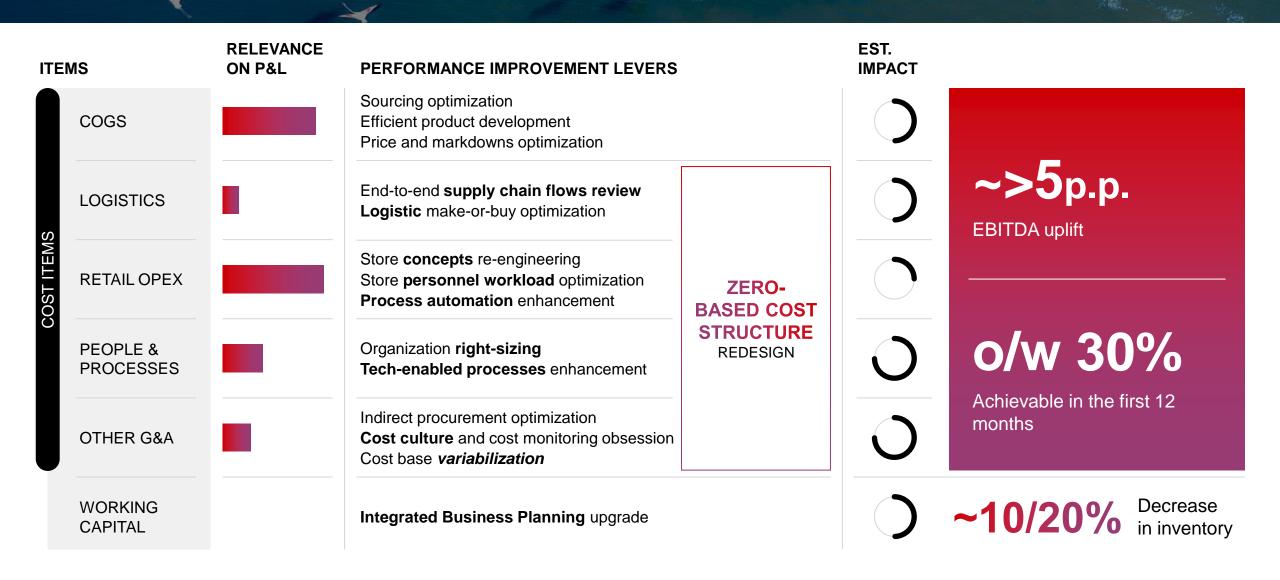
of new talents and competences

SAFEGUARD EXPERTISE

committing to preserve craftmanship

## Brands to tackle performance improvement challenges

## TO **SECURE** PROFITABILITY **RETOOL** THE BUSINESS MODEL **ACHIEVE** LONG-TERM **SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**



# Technology enhancing further (and enlarging) its role

Requiring brands to shift investment focus...



(Gen) Al serving as the pivotal turbocharger of performance, across axes



## Enhance value proposition

Optimize demand planning

Unlock hyper-personalized client interactions, at scale (clienteling, configurators, ...)

Ease marketing experimentation
Accelerate product development



## **Upgrade processes efficiency and effectiveness**

Facilitate **product design**, **prototyping** and **industrialization** 

Speed up and automate process execution

Support decision-making activities

Accelerate data-to-insight flow



## **Drive cost optimization**

Enlarge addressable cost base across SG&A

Expand saving uplift beyond baseline
Reset organizational set-ups

## Pressured marketing flywheel, with reducing brand visibility and weakened effectiveness

#### **PRESSURES**

#### Moved below-the-line

Performance marketing cost skyrocketing New touchpoints asking for extra-investments

~5/7% → **~7/9%** 

**YESTERDAY** 

**TODAY** 

avg. marketing spend as % sales

#### Losing engagement

Slowdown in new customer acquisition
Drop in existing customers' engagement

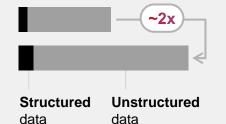
**-30/35%** YoY engagement rate

~(60%)

YoY fanbase growth rate

#### Overloaded by data

More data, more complex and harder to leverage



#### **CHALLENGES**

...with creativity and innovation as clear priorities

Degree of creativity representing primary driver of campaign ROI, 2/3x above its reach

**Creative** 

45/50% Campaign ROI driven by creativity

# Experimentation at scale as tool to boost marketing performance



#### **SPEED BOOST**

content generation and deployment in near-real-time



#### HYPER-PERSONALIZATION

higher resonance...at larger scale



#### **EFFICIENCY**

more content, lower cost, in a virtuous learning cycle

### Decarbonization is a business imperative, and comes with costs, but, also, opportunities

#### Marginal abatement cost

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Total investment to reach 2030 targets

#### **Key levers**

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#### Sales planning and logistic optimization

Reduce overproduction through sales forecasting, planning, and product allocation optimization and optimize inbound/outbound logistics to favor low-impact transportation means

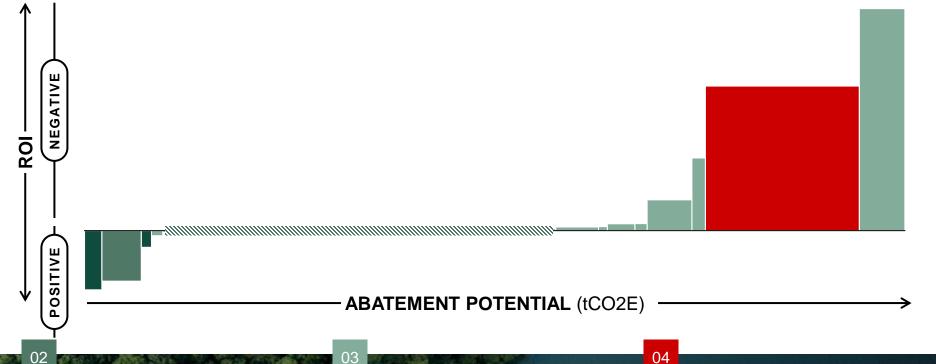
Manufacturing efficiency

Streamline manufacturing flows, double-down on electrification and green(er) sources of energy

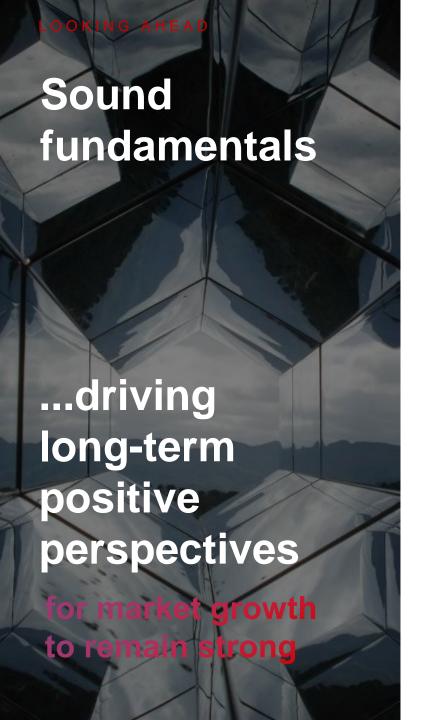
**Upstream procurement** optimization

Revisit the raw material mix and increase low-carbon alternatives 04

Net-zero trajectory requires greater share of business from 2<sup>nd</sup> hand profitability key priority



**GEN-Al** enabled



#### Growing addressable consumer base

Growing addressable population

>300M

Additional target consumers in next 5 yrs.

~150M ~20M ~15M ~15M ~2M

from China from LATAM from India from SEA from Africa

**Next Generations** 

>50%

O/w from Gen Z and Gen Alpha

#### **Growing addressable wealth**

Growing incomes worldwide **~3/4%** Avg. income growth

"New wealthy" through wealth transfers

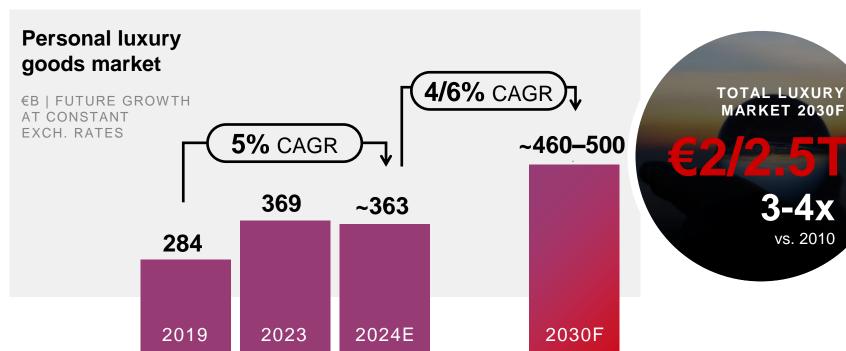
Globally

**HNWIs** growing at fastest pace

~20%

Growth in # of HNWIs

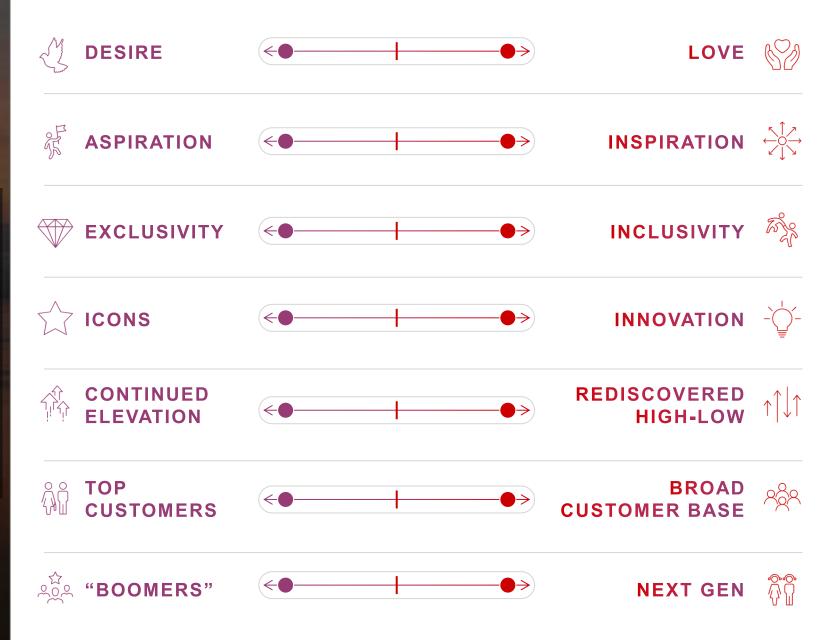
vs. 2010



#### KEY QUESTIONS

Future demand for luxury is strong, but unlocking it demands clarity in strategy and execution

Players need to deliberately navigate trade-offs and define their path ahead



CEO AGENDA

## Good times for a change

to rediscover luxury foundations

and intentionally shape the future of this industry



#### Refocus

on basics

Build lasting, highquality products focused on content and creativity



#### **Foster**

relationships

Create meaningful connections, beyond transactional activations



#### Favor

reach over push

Expand toward new untapped and diverse audiences, instilling desire and love over hype



#### **Deliver**

flawlessly

Create seamless end-to-end, customer-centric experiences, exceeding expectations

While flexibly

**AMPLIFYING** 

INSPIRING

INNOVATING

**ADAPTING** 

#### Embed Gen Al

Along the whole value chain

#### Tackle supply chain challenges

Secure capabilities amid suppliers' scarcity

Build end-to-end resiliency and enhance agility

Lead ESG development across all axes, from decarbonization to social

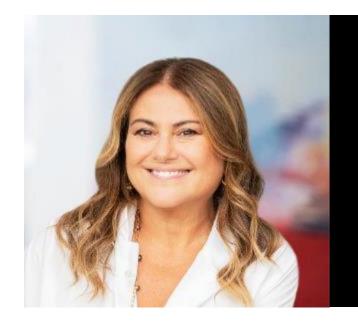
#### Enhance talent

Securing the top-notch competences relevant for tomorrow

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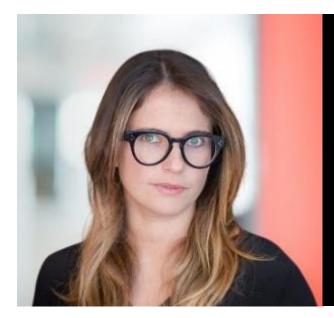
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### Methodology of the study

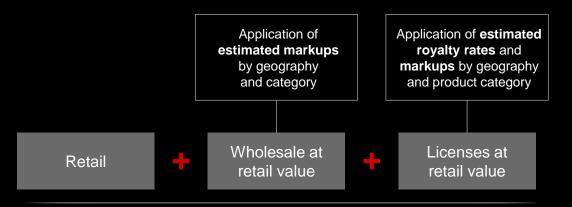
#### Revenues at retail equivalent value

Revenues at retail value represent total sales valued at retail price.

Each player's consolidated sales are *retailized* through the following methodology:



Player-consolidated sales



Player sales at retail value

#### Bottom-up and top-down estimates

# Bottom-up Player 1 Player 2 Player 3 Player... Player N Total

We add brands' individual retail values...

#### **Top-down**

- Industry-specific (e.g., watches vs. beauty) data in the main geographical markets
- Comparison between market breakdown and turnover breakdown for key players
- Interviews with industry experts (top management of brands, distributors, department stores, etc.)
- Consistency check on the data and fine-tuning

...we cross-check results

### We have adjusted our Market perimeter for personal luxury goods

~2% perimeter adjustment: ~€369B in 2023



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