## Starbucks Rewards

A future-ready Starbucks Rewards programme tailored for APAC customers

Iris was appointed as Starbucks' lead strategic and creative agency across EMEA and APAC in 2017.

At a global brand level, we're helping Starbucks to make a much needed shift from communications focused only on selling products, to focusing on us, the consumer, and what we're interested in.

This remit has included helping build a future-ready Starbucks Rewards programme tailored for APAC customers.

While Starbucks had been leading the category globally, when it came to Asia it faced strong competition from local coffee and coffee alternatives. The business growth was mainly driven by network expansion for footfall coverage – however weak in repeat visit / purchase from customers.

Its customer loyalty programme, Starbucks Rewards, was identified as the one of the key strategic pillars to make the leap for FY2020 business ambition. Iris was engaged to conduct a series of deep dives across 10 APAC markets to surface the business challenges, market variances, assess the potential to drive incremental revenue, and develop a blueprint for the new Rewards Programme.



Rewards has become a primary growth driver for Starbucks in APAC



Member count growth FY19vs18



Transaction count growth FY19vs18



Of sales growth accounted for by members sales in FY19v18







Brand tracker and purchase funnel mapping evaluation to identify key bottlenecks (acquisition, and retention) across the value chain



SR FY15-FY17 transactional data analysis to understand purchase patterns, and coffee culture/maturity impact on customer behaviours



In-depth interviews with customers, baristas, regional and global marketers to understand barriers, and opportunities for acquisition, and retention



In/out of category competitor landscape mapping & deep dives to draw best practices, and new customer /digital trends for Starbucks in Asia



Ideation and development of a new Starbucks Rewards programme featuring more personalised services/benefits, and digital offerings to capture losing opportunities



Quantitative testing with existing and new target customers to develop customer segments, and evaluate the new proposition's emotional and commercial impact on different segments



Establishment of a new Asia Pacific customer segmentation model with commercial and comms. opportunities & initiatives validated



Development of a 5-year Starbucks Rewards AP roadmap to unlock headroom opportunities leveraging regional synergies but highlighting local market nuances

