



# Customer Leadership Index 2022

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# Agenda for **today**

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# 1

## Cost of living – an ongoing challenge



Only **24%** of NZ consumers have high confidence in their own financial situation...

...and **66%** are more concerned now than they were 12 months ago



# Around the world, consumer priorities are changing

**EY research suggests consumers are looking to downsize their digital world in response to rising costs**



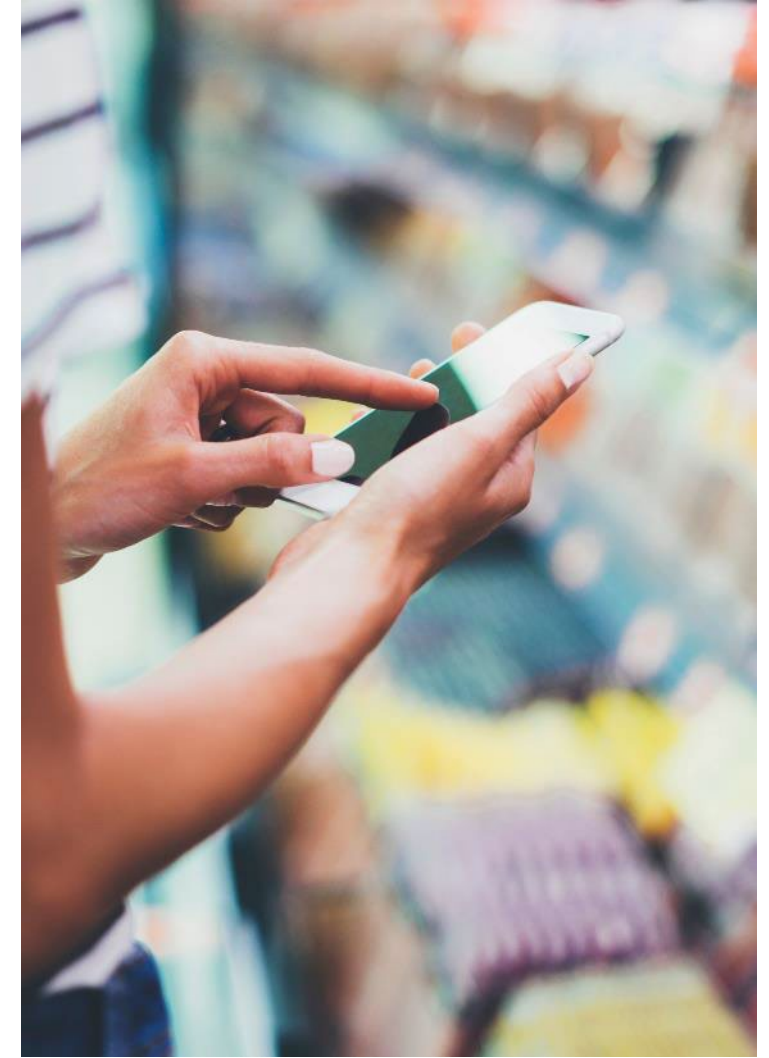
**The Chartered Insurance Institute say that cost of living rises have led to consumers wanting to feel more in control during the claims process**



# Value is increasing in importance and can lead to more shopping around



**90%** of consumers who switched brands or retailers expect to incorporate these into their regular routines







**34%**  
of consumers in  
South East Asia say  
they would drop a  
brand that delivered  
two poor experiences  
in a row

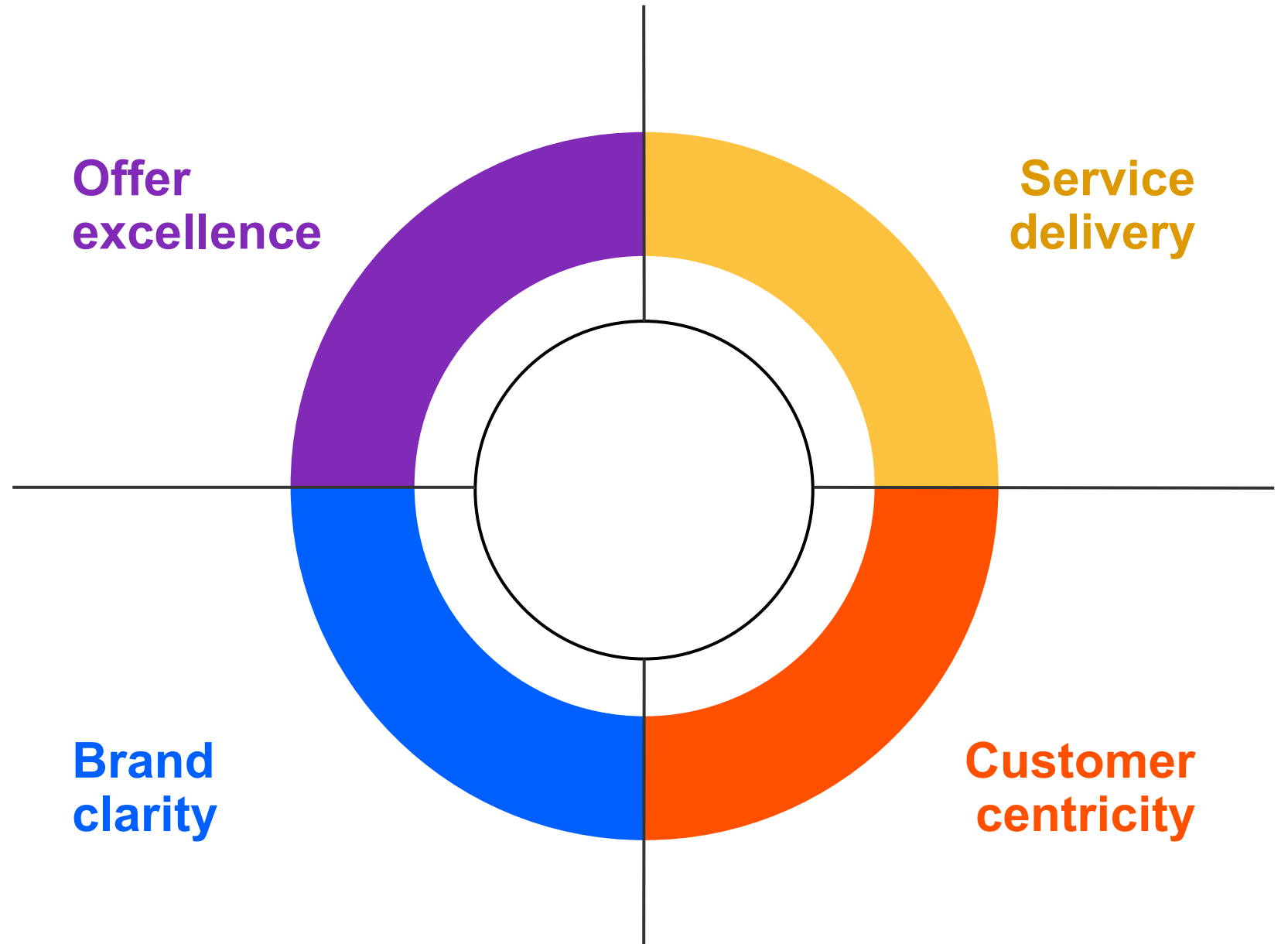


A man with glasses and a beard, wearing a black t-shirt, is smiling and leaning over a table. A woman with glasses, wearing a light blue shirt, is also smiling and looking towards him. They appear to be in a casual setting, possibly a cafe or office, with a laptop and a cup on the table. The background is slightly blurred, showing what might be a window or a wall with some text.

If customer  
**expectations**  
are **shifting**,  
even  
successful  
brands need  
to **do more**  
than maintain  
the status quo



**Even if the relative importance of each area can shift, the core building blocks of succeeding with customers remain valid**





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## The 2022 Customer Leadership Index

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# The 2022 index retains the strength of the 2021 version with only a few slight tweaks

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- Still based on 2020 CLi structure and methodology
- Automotive repair sector added, replacing liquor retail
- Sample size increased to **n=2500** surveys
- Giving us **n=7500** brand measurements
- **64 brands** across **13 sectors**
- Fieldwork in September and October

# The Customer Leadership Index comprises four core pillars

## Offer excellence

The core product/service is clearly fit for purpose and delivered at a fair price

## Service delivery

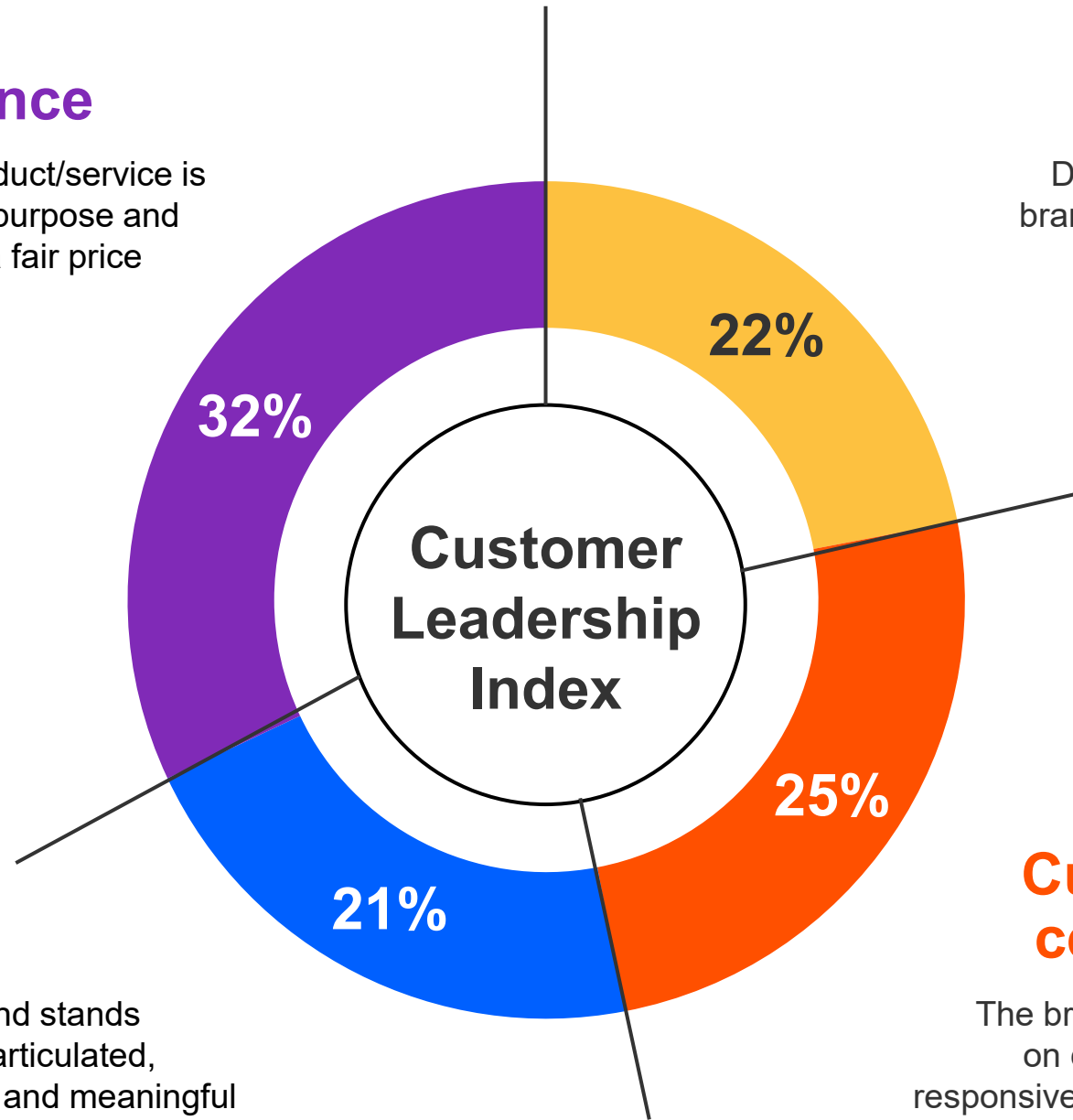
Dealing with the brand is easy, fast and a positive experience

## Brand clarity

What the brand stands for is clearly articulated, differentiated and meaningful

## Customer centricity

The brand is focused on customers and responsive to their needs

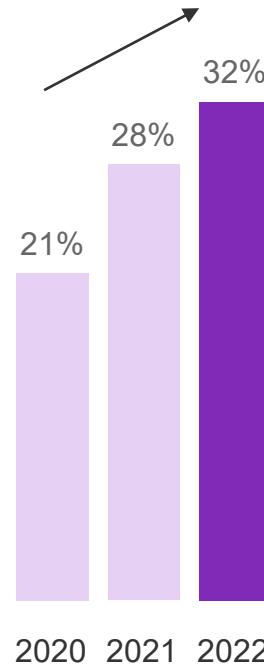




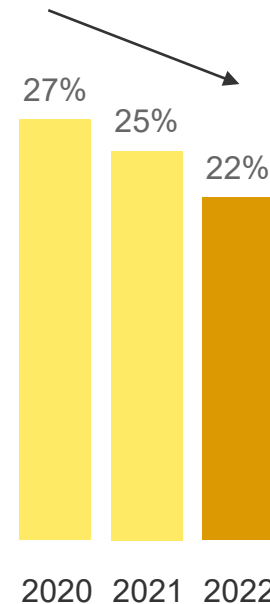
It is becoming increasingly important for brands to deliver offer excellence – the importance of both product quality and delivering value have risen

## CHANGE IN IMPORTANCE OF PILLARS OVER TIME

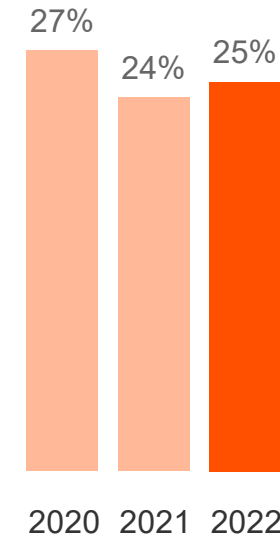
### Offer excellence



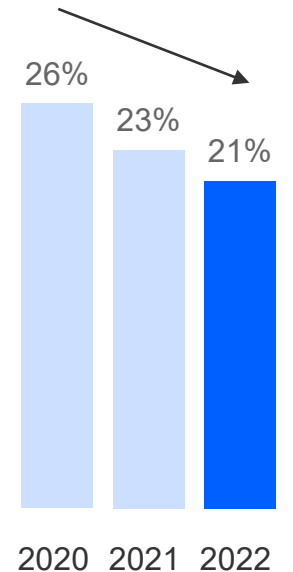
### Service delivery



### Customer centricity



### Brand clarity



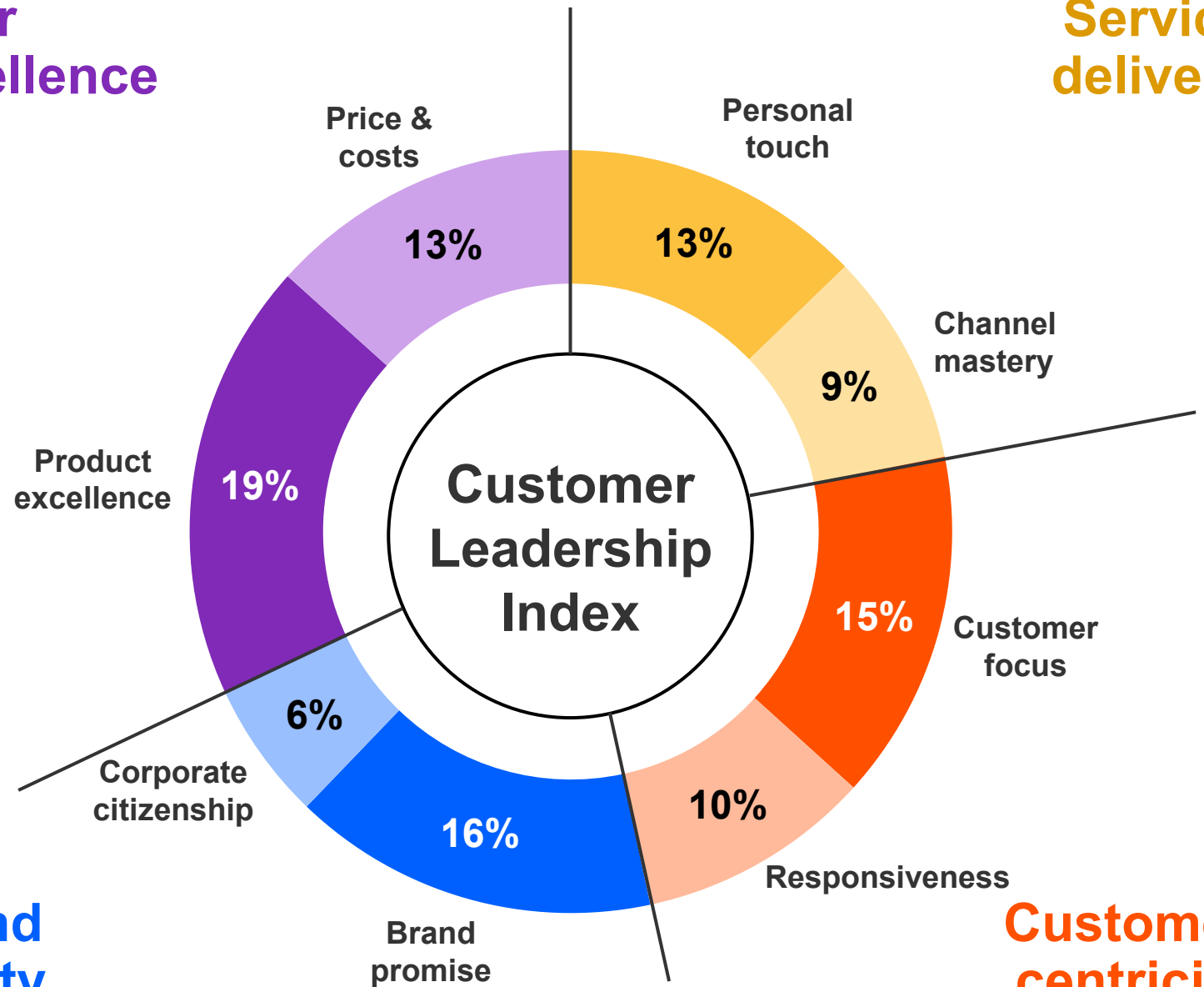
Each pillar is broken into two sub-pillars

**Offer excellence**

**Service delivery**

**Brand clarity**

**Customer centricity**





# Higher index = better outcomes

## LIKELIHOOD TO RECOMMEND

Low



38%

Mid



49%

Top 10



56%

## LIKELIHOOD TO USE AGAIN



28%



40%



46%



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The top 10











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# THE TOP TEN

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■ = Index

|   |   |    |    |  |    |
|---|---|----|----|--|----|
| 1 | Sharesies                 | 74 | 6  | STATE          | 68 |
| 2 | AA Insurance              | 70 | 7  | noel leeming  | 67 |
| 3 | <br>MITSUBISHI<br>MOTORS | 69 | 8  |  TOYOTA       | 67 |
| 4 | AA                      | 68 | 9  |              | 65 |
| 5 |                        | 68 | 10 |  MIGHTYape  | 64 |

# There are multiple paths to success

## Customer centricity



## Service delivery



## Offer excellence

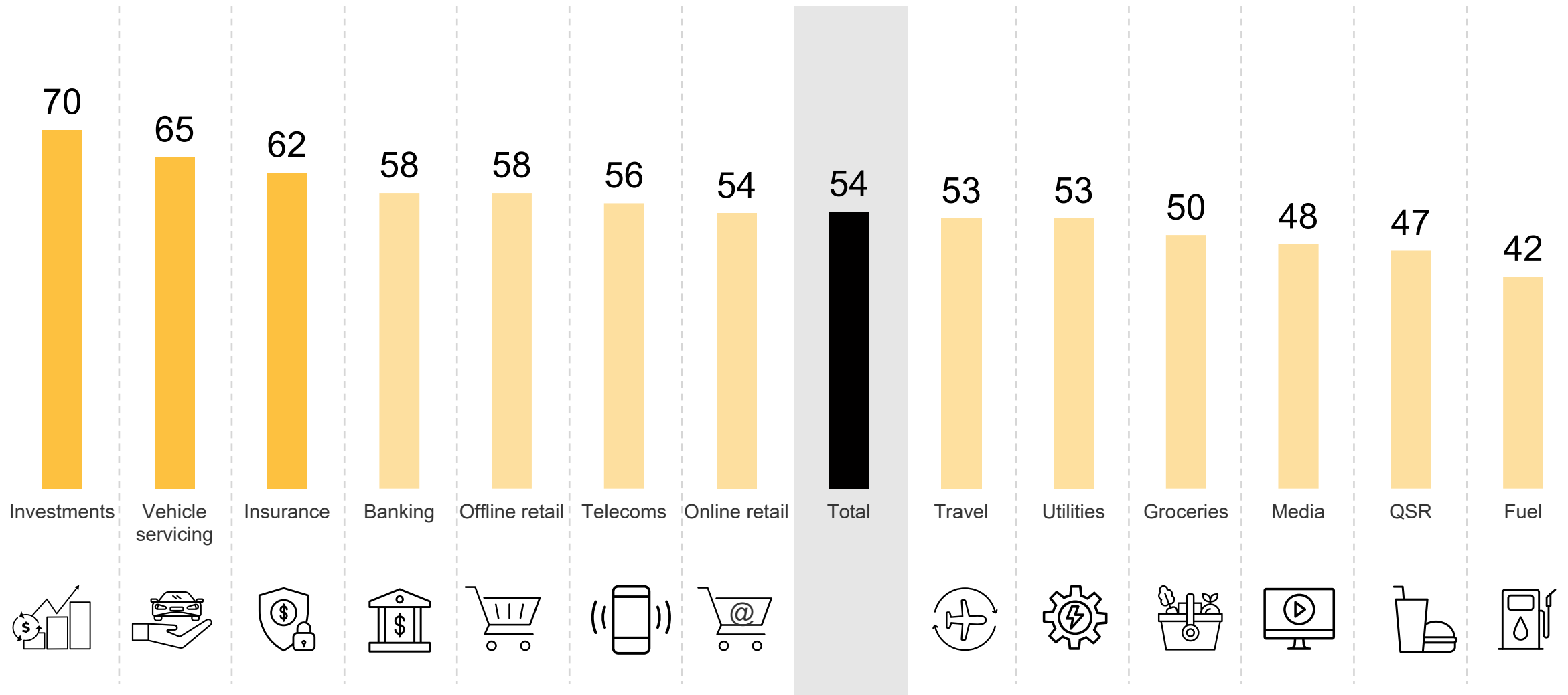


## Brand clarity

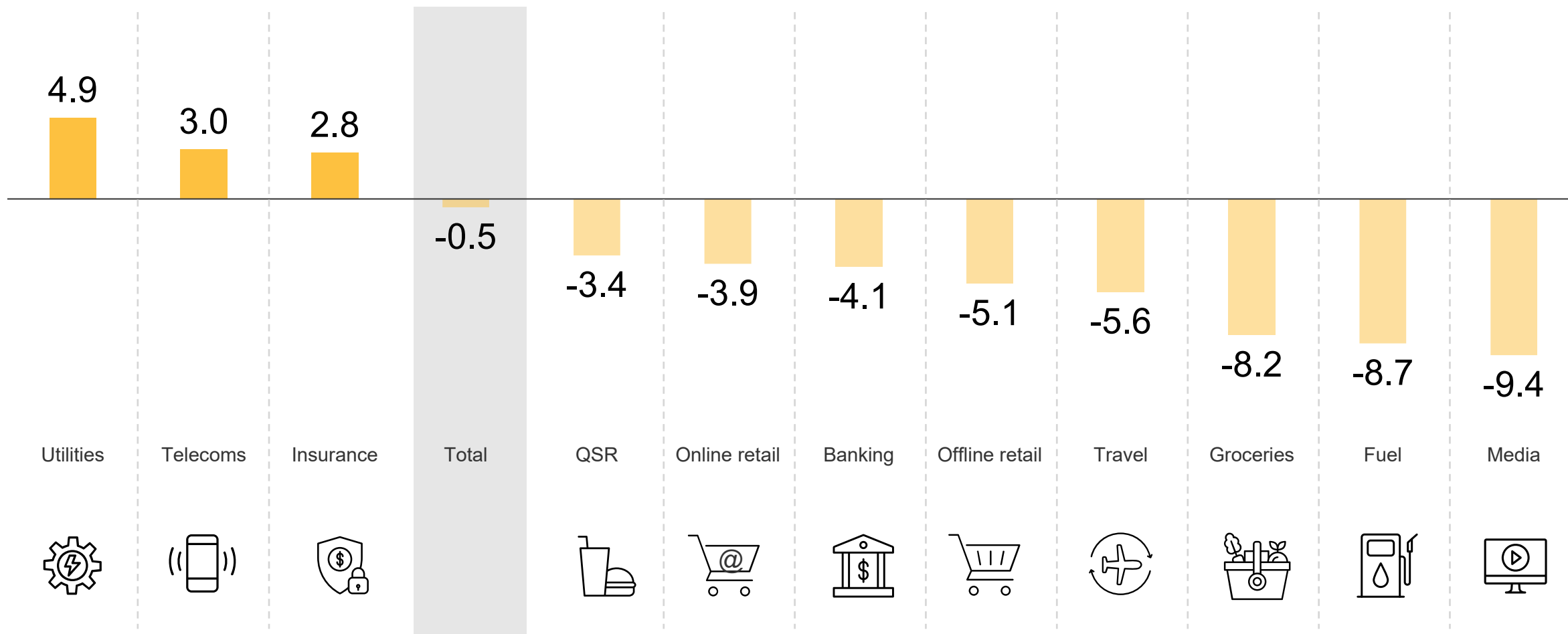




# Investment, vehicle servicing and insurance brands do best overall

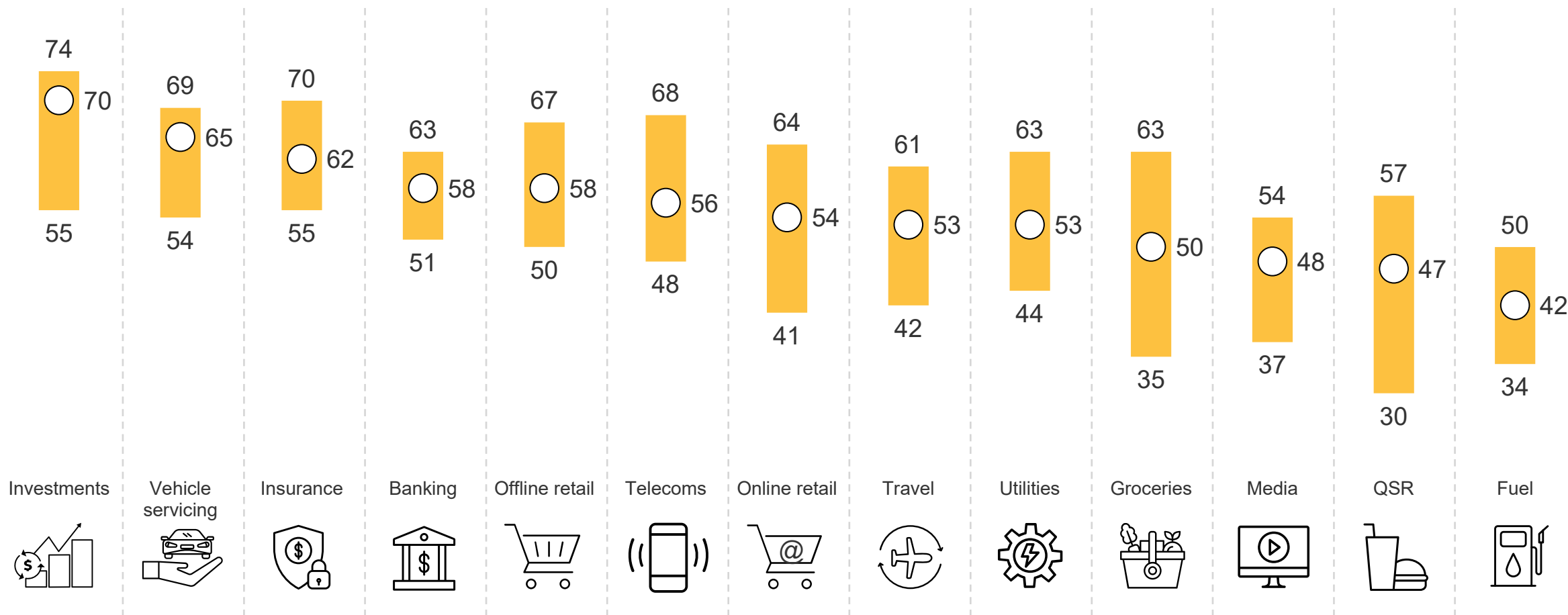


# Index scores have softened across many industries, but utilities, telecoms and insurance are notable exceptions





# Wide variation within sectors is still evident, highlighting opportunities and risks for growth





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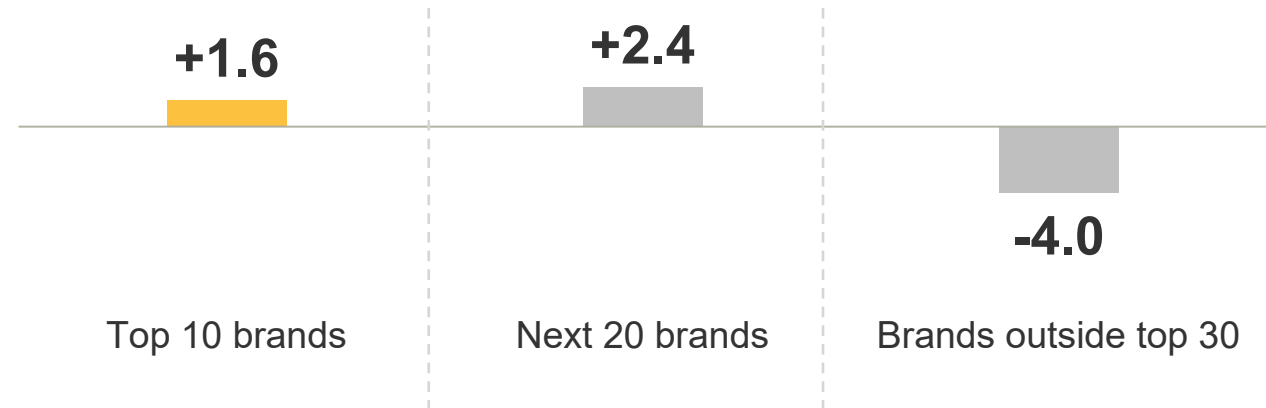
## Learnings and insights



The strongest performing brands are demonstrating a **strong value proposition.**

This is more than just offering the lowest prices

#### Change 2021-2022 – Providing competitive prices

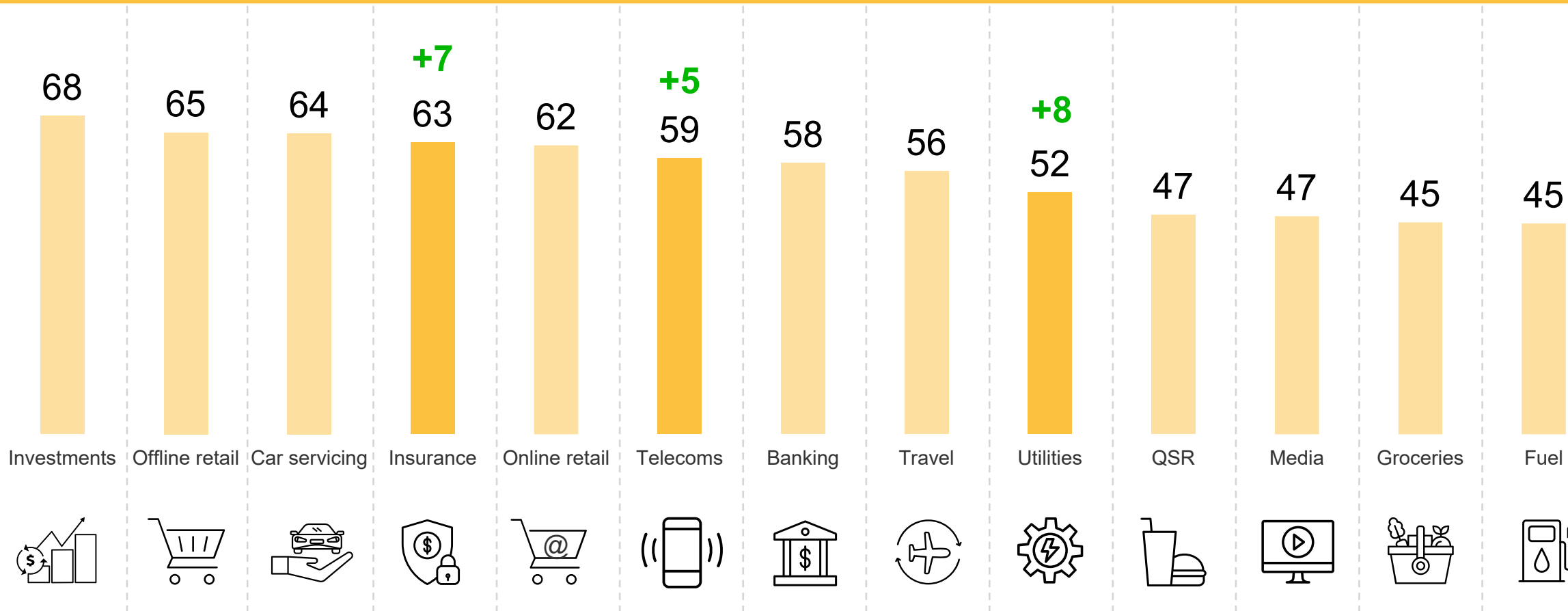


#### Change 2021-2022 – Providing good value



# Perceptions of value vary widely by sector – the only three sectors with an improving score were those seeing an overall index increase

## Sector scores: Providing good value







Leading a  
**high performing**  
sector on  
value

Mitsubishi Motors – scores on  
delivering good value vs. all  
other car servicing brands

SCORE ON VALUE STATEMENT

6<sup>th</sup>

13<sup>th</sup> – 33<sup>rd</sup>

72

65

Mitsubishi Motors

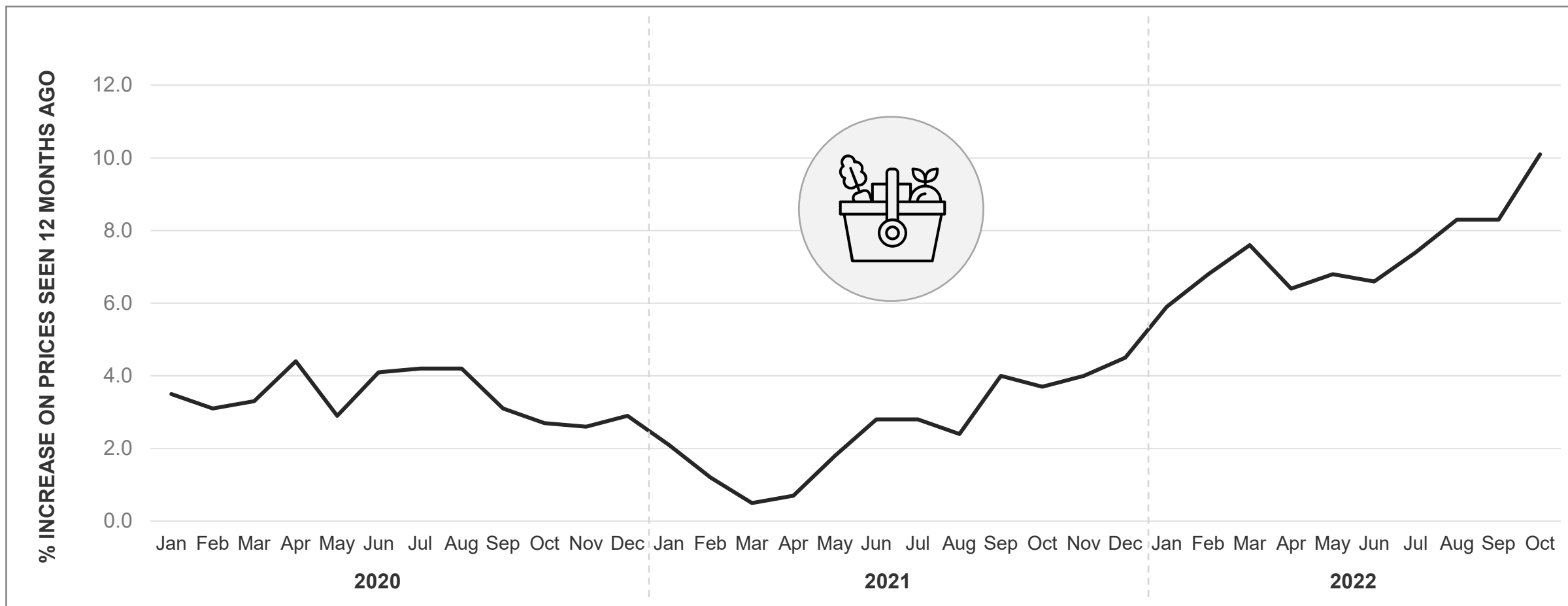
Average of other car  
service brands

- Shift from vehicle-centric to customer centric approach
- Increased collection of customer feedback
- Automation to make time for tasks that deliver value
- Service focus leading to repeat custom



# The rising cost of food has been a challenge for the grocery and restaurant sectors

## New Zealand Food Price Index



# While consumer sentiment around price and cost has dipped, this is also the case across the full range of sub-pillars

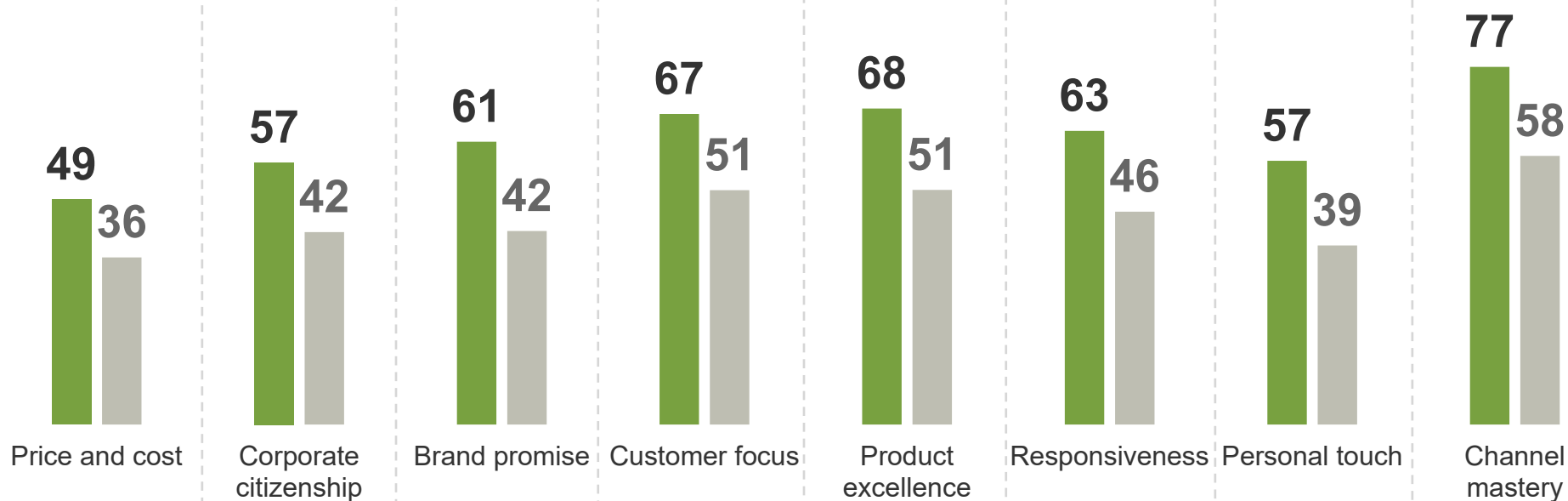
## Grocery sector: change on sub-drivers





# Even in extremely challenging times, a focus on service delivery can enable a brand to swim against the tide of falling consumer sentiment

Sub-pillar scores: My Food Bag vs. average of other grocery / food delivery brands



My Food Bag

■ Average of other brands in sector



**Delivering  
great  
service in  
challenging  
times**

## Overall Rank:

12<sup>th</sup>

### KEY AREAS OF STRENGTH:

Speed of service 3<sup>rd</sup>

Leading the way  
with its products  
and services 6<sup>th</sup>

Providing memorable  
and delightful  
experiences 7<sup>th</sup>

Being easy to contact 8<sup>th</sup>

Service consistency 10<sup>th</sup>

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*We've made a number of seemingly small but clearly important changes over the last 12 months, improving the key element of every customer's journey and contact with us.*

*We're super proud to see the shift in the scores for our brand, and whilst we know we still have further to go, it's exciting for the team to know the love bombing we give our customers week in week out is working!*

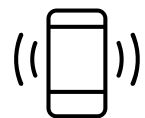
Jo Mitchell  
Chief Customer Officer  
My Food Bag

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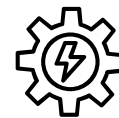
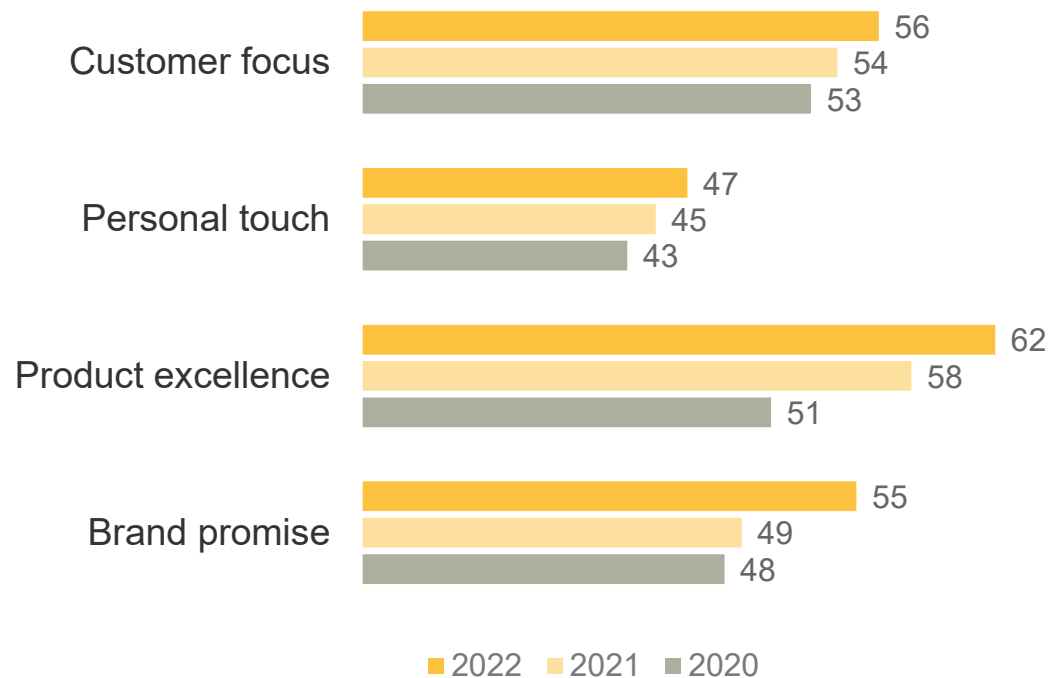


# The sectors which saw an increase in index score have seen rising performance across our four pillars

## Sub-driver score change over time



### TELECOMMUNICATIONS



### UTILITIES







Developing a  
clear brand  
promise,  
backed up  
with  
strengthening  
customer  
service

Meridian make the largest jump in the rankings, from 52nd in 2021 to 13th in 2022

AREAS OF GREATEST IMPROVEMENT:



1<sup>st</sup>  
in NZ

Supporting worthwhile causes such as the community or the environment





**Focusing  
on  
resolution  
to drive  
improvements**

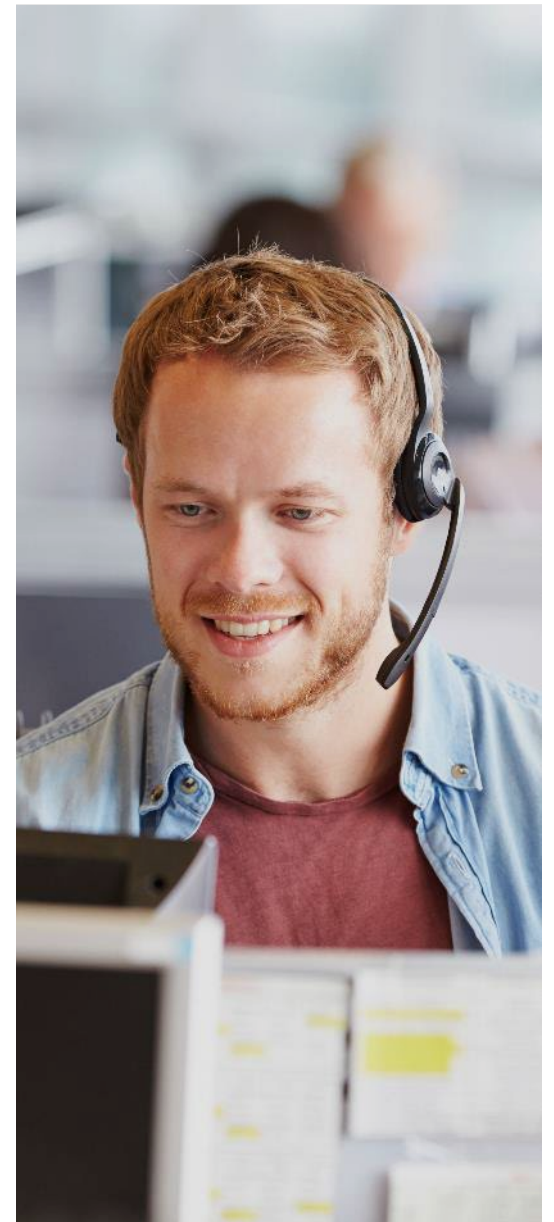
**State make the second largest  
jump in the rankings, from 31st in  
2021 to 6th in 2022.**

**AREAS OF GREATEST IMPROVEMENT:**



**Areas of focus:**

- First call resolution
- Technical training
- Empowering consultants to make decisions
- Identification of key customer pain points
- Dedicated teams for key groups / journeys
- Focus on internal culture





**Maintaining  
excellence  
in spite of  
changing  
expectations**

## Sharesies lead the way in:

3

of the four pillars of customer leadership

9

of the individual driver statements

### KEY STRENGTHS IN 2022:

Digital service being easy to use

Consistency of service

Making it easy to get set up and going

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*Our mission is to make investing a loveable, empowering experience – putting customers first and building caring, constructive connections with all our investors. In the current economic climate, it's more important than ever.*

Liz Krammer  
Investor Care Manager  
Sharesies

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A woman with dark hair in a braid, wearing a bright yellow sweater, is looking down at a smartphone. The phone has a floral case. The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of large, overlapping organic shapes in shades of purple, lime green, yellow, and red, all with a textured, felt-like appearance. The scene is set against a plain, light-colored wall.

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Wrap

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# Summing up

Delivering a great experience is even more important when consumer priorities are shifting



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Brands which can demonstrate value are better placed to ride out the current economic challenges





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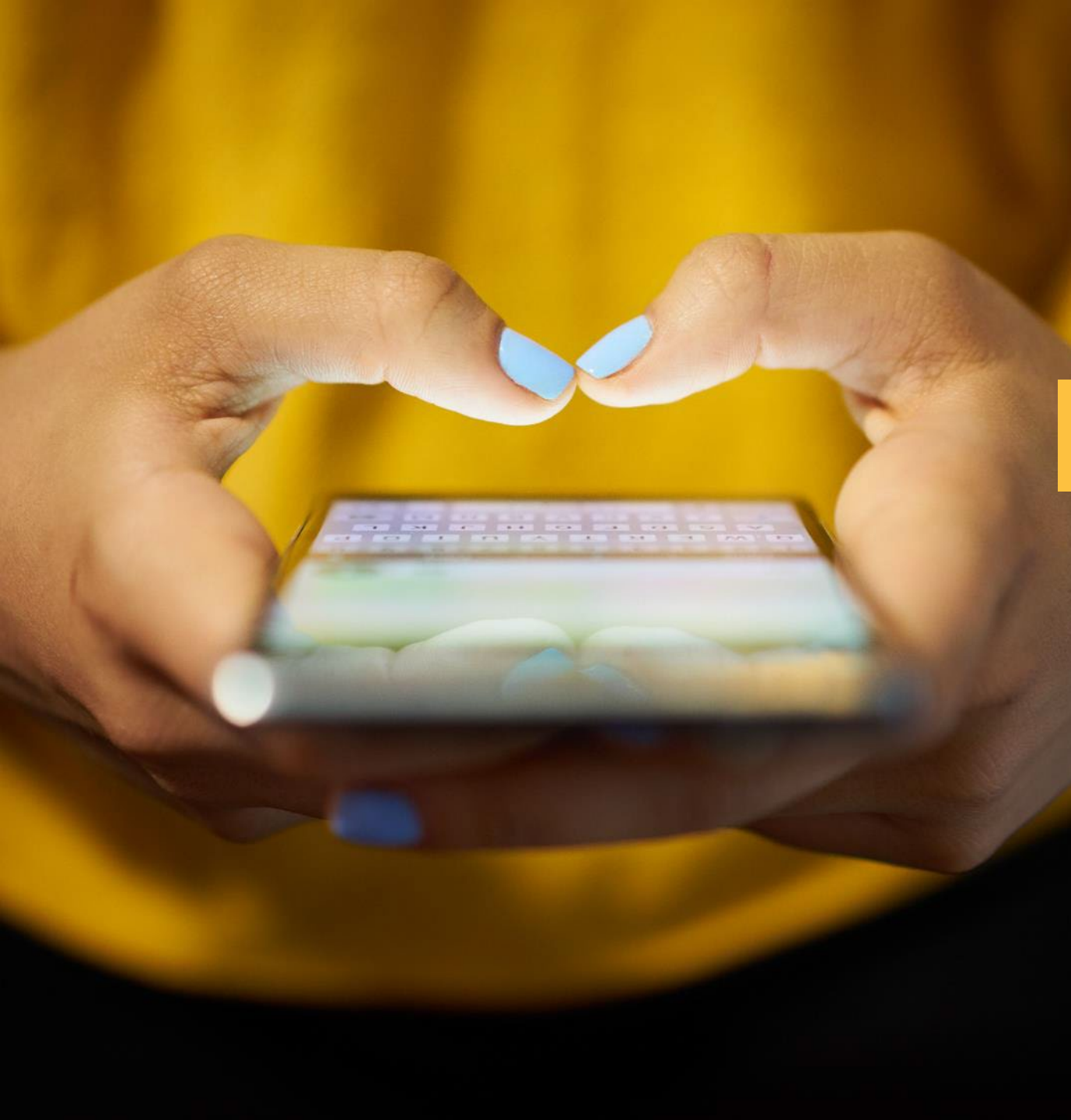
Service which reflects and reinforces the brand promise remains important



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Q&A

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