Turning crisis into opportunity:
Digital Marketing in times of COVID-19

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How does COVID-19 affect consumers in Thailand?



Thai consumers went through three stages in response to COVID.



Getting a "System Reboot"

Basic needs, e.g. Food Stockpiling & Masks



Navigating financial volatility

Financial security, e.g. 5000 THB payment from government, delaying debt payments or employment law



Adapting to Changed Reality

Changing behavior, e.g. ordering food or groceries online



COVID-19 changed the lifestyles of an entire population.



69%

▼ less traveling



63%

▼ less socializing



61%

▼ not going to cinema



59%

▼ less eating out



50%

 buying less luxury products

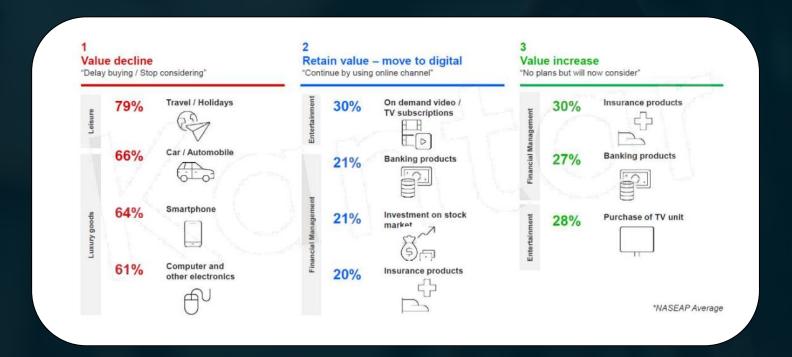


45%

 buying less alcoholic beverages



There is not only winners and losers - but also rapid digitalization.







Digital Strategy in Time of Crisis

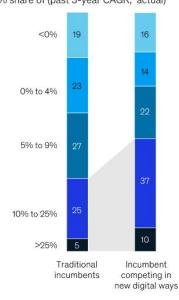
If the pace of the pre-coronavirus world was already fast, the luxury of time now seems to have disappeared completely. Businesses that once mapped digital strategy in one- to three-year phases must now scale their initiatives in a matter of days or weeks.

McKinsey April 2020

A crisis demands boldness and learning.

Bold, tightly integrated digital strategies are the most effective approach to digital transformation



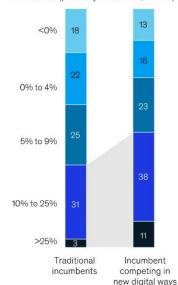


Note: Numbers may not sum to 100, because of rounding. Compund annual growth rate. Earnings before interest and taxes. Source: 2017 Digital Strategy Survey

McKinsey & Company

Rate of EBIT2 growth,

% share of (past 3-year CAGR, actual)





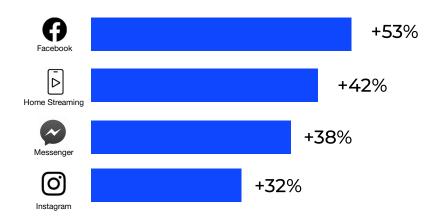


What about marketing in times of COVID-19?



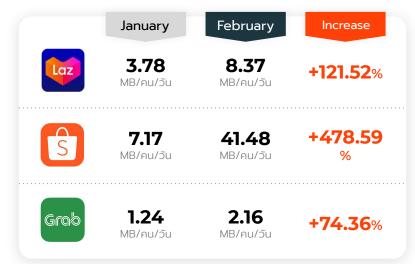
COVID-19 is accelerating digitalization.

Increasing Time Spent on Online Media during COVID-19





Increase in new accounts created, users and transactions on e-commerce and food delivery platforms.



Digital purchasing is becoming the new normal for all consumer

- From mid-March to mid-April, Lazada saw a 100% rise in sale transactions
- Sales value jumped 130% from early February to early April
- 26,000 new sellers added in March (15% total increase)

Should your Company Respond to the crisis with Advertising?

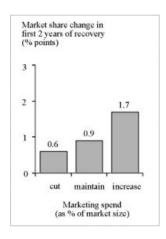


Participate and Add Value

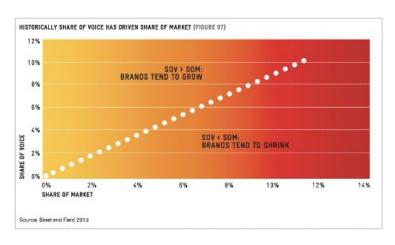


Pause And Wait

There is evidence from 2009 H1N1 outbreak that business that kept adding value during the crisis could gain market share afterwards.



Surplus share of spend generates faster market share gain in downturns' depressed media spend



SOV > SOM: Companies cutting investment by 50% for 1 year before returning to normal weight take up to 2 years to recover lost share. Those that increase exposure during downturn can gain up to 3x more share in the first 2 years of recovery.

Participate: keep advertising despite COVID-19.

Latest analysis from Kantar reinforces the insights from the H1N1 outbreak in 2009:

→ Companies who stop advertising could lose up to 13% of their market share as a result

If you have stop spending because of cost-cutting:

- Consider if you could cut cost elsewhere instead
- Opt for a decrease rather than going fully dark
- If you absolutely have to go dark, try to minimise the duration and scale back up asap



Capitalising on digital opportunities & unlocking business growth

Simple Business Growth Strategy during Covid-19 pandemic



Understand the impact



Adapt your business





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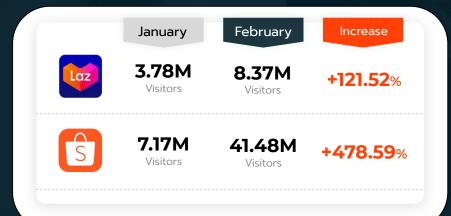
Popular customer acquisition channels might be unavailable or less effective:

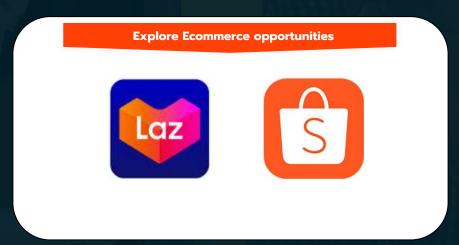
- Trade shows
- Stores / Walk ins
- Out of home advertising

There is still demand for your products, but traditional distribution channels don't work



Adapt your business.





How is your business impacted and what opportunities does digital present for you?

What is your biggest challenge right now?

I cannot find new customers because my usual strategies don't work due to COVID-19 (billboards, trade shows, walk in)

or I cannot sell my product/services because my primary sales channel is offline and impaired by COVID-19

Explore digital opportunities & solve these challenges!

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Target high potential customers with paid ads



Integrate existing customer database into media campaign



O2 Convert them into leads on a landing page.

- Form submission
- Call
- Messenger / Chat



Start a conversation & engage your leads

- Engage via messenger
- share relevant content via emails

Digital Content Strategy

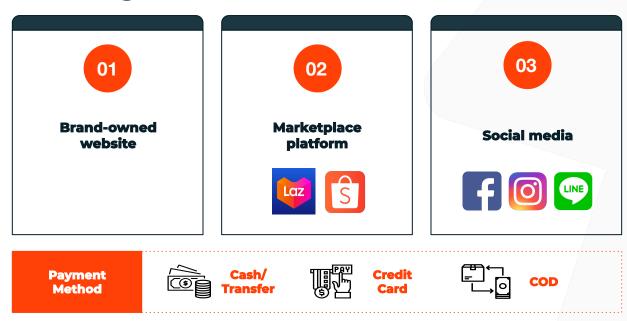
- Blog posts
- Social Media posts
- Company new shared via YouTube

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Digital-first Sales Channels





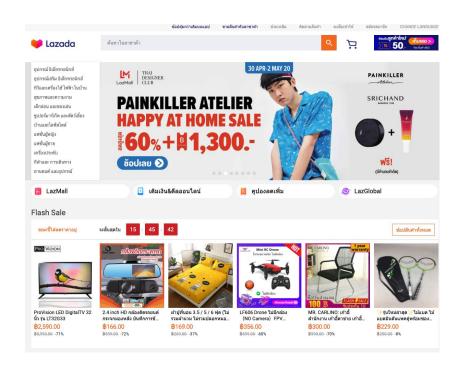
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Marketplaces





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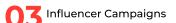
Social Commerce



Use Facebook, Line & Instragram Messenger as Sales tools for your business



O2 Drive traffic to Facebook & Line with paid Ads.







Chat with interested customers & convert them.



3 Key Takeaways.

Digitization in Thailand has significantly increased and opens up new opportunities to connect with customers.

Reevaluate your digital strategy and increase your focus on all digital activities.

Digital Marketing investments are key to enable digital sales.

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Free digital marketing consultation.



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