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Customer loyalty in retail banking:
global edition 2018

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By the numbers: how consumers perceive banking

Number of people Bain surveyed online: **151,894**

Number of banks they use: **271**

Number of countries: **29**

Share of respondents **who would recommend** their primary bank to a friend or relative: **41%**

Share who **would not recommend**: **23%**

Share of banks **highly rated on quality**, the most important element influencing loyalty in banking: **33%**

Share of respondents who would **trust a big technology company with their money** more than banks in general: **54%**

Share of respondents **using third-party payment solutions** for purchases online and at point of sale: **65%**

Share using these solutions for **peer-to-peer payments**: **37%**

Share of Amazon Prime customers **open to banking with Amazon** if offered 2% cash back on all Amazon.com purchases: **65%**

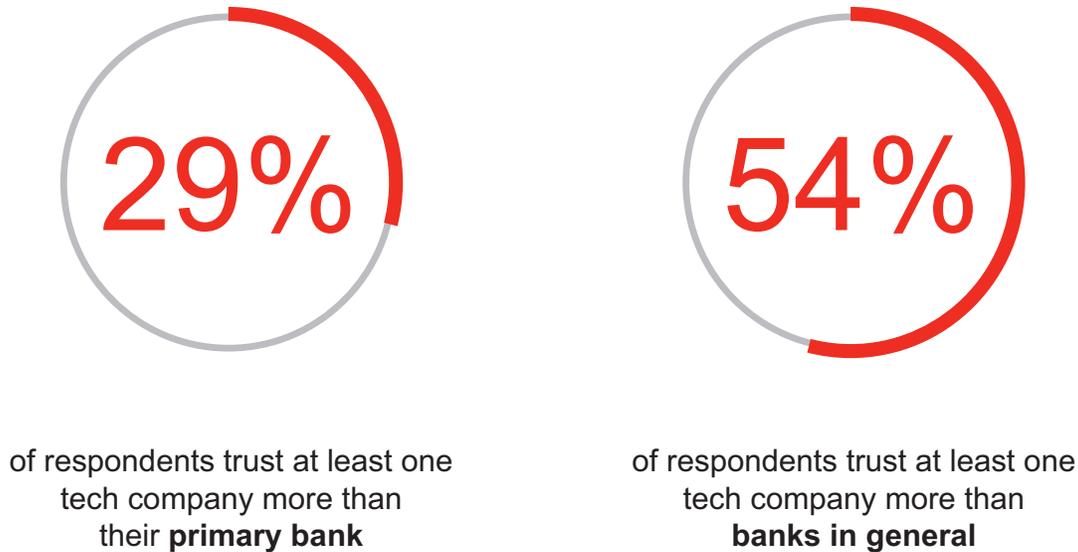
At a Glance

- ▶ With banks under attack from technology firms, their top priority should be improving the convenience and quality of the experience for customers.
- ▶ Loyalty stems from how well banks deliver value as perceived by consumers, which companies can measure through 30 Elements of Value®. The elements that have the greatest impact on loyalty in banking are *quality*, followed by *saves time*, *reduces anxiety*, *simplifies* and *heirloom* (a good investment for future generations).
- ▶ On each of these five elements, at least one large tech firm performs better than survey respondents' primary bank. That helps the tech firms earn consumers' trust at a level near banks.
- ▶ To fend off incursions by large tech firms, banks will need to provide simple and digital experiences. And in areas such as payments, they may have to join together in multibank platforms.

It's no secret that banks are under attack from many quarters. Insurgents have been attacking the weak points—picking off individual aspects of the banking experience and delivering better value propositions. In payments, for instance, nonbank providers have become strong and even dominant in many countries, including Brazil, Hong Kong, Germany and India. Unless banks sharply improve the convenience and quality of the experience, insurgent competitors will continue to gain converts and win new customers.

To be sure, earning customer loyalty is harder than ever, as powerful trends benefit the insurgents. Regulators have been granting nonbank companies access to existing payment networks, which has spurred rapid growth of providers such as KakaoPay in South Korea. Open data rules, launched in the UK, give challengers such as Monzo and Mint access to core customer data they can use to expand, and will spread to other countries. Combined with looser licensing restrictions, open data has spawned about 20 new banks in the UK over the past few years, the most since the late 19th century.

Big technology and social media firms are leveraging their huge customer bases and war chests. Ant Financial, for instance, an affiliate of Alibaba in China, used its core e-commerce business to move into payments, consumer lending, insurance, wealth management, credit scoring and more. Many of these firms excel at easy, simple, high-quality digital—increasingly, mobile—interactions that consumers demand. Besides their digital expertise, technology firms are marching into financial services on the strength of consumer trust. Firms such as PayPal and Amazon garner a level of trust with consumers almost as high as banks in general, Bain & Company's new survey of 151,894 consumers in 29 countries finds (*see Figure 1*). These findings reinforce an earlier survey showing that 65% of Amazon Prime respondents (who pay an annual fee for such perks as free two-day shipping) would try a

Figure 1: Many respondents trust a technology company with their money more than banks

Note: Customers were asked, "Rank the following companies based on whether you would trust them with your money," and compared their primary bank and banks in general to a list of global and local tech companies
Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

free online bank account offered by Amazon, with 2% cash back on Amazon purchases, similar to the company's cobranded credit card.

As the number and clout of challenger banks and technology firms grow, traditional banks find their interactions and engagement with customers diminishing. When disruptors nibble away at payments-related products, for instance, banks lose not only direct profits, but also frequent customer engagement and valuable transaction data.

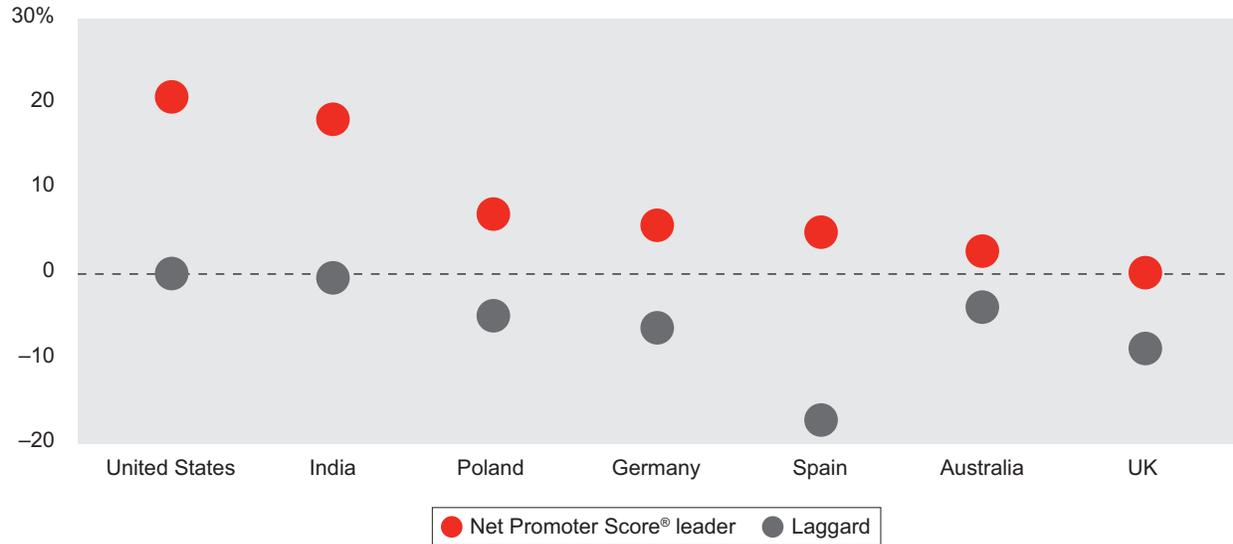
The Elements of Value that matter in retail banking

All of these trends put pressure on banks to improve the experience and earn customers' loyalty. Going back to first principles, it is important to remember that loyalty drives growth and better economics. Banks that lead in Net Promoter Score®, which measures the likelihood that a consumer would recommend the bank to others, outperform laggards in net interest income growth (see Figure 2). For example, US banks with a high Net Promoter Score had net interest income growth of 13% from 2014 through 2017, compared with 5% for laggards and 6% for banks with a middling Net Promoter Score.

Many factors contribute to loyalty, but in essence, loyalty stems from how well banks deliver value as perceived by consumers. The amount and nature of value in a particular product or service always lies

Figure 2: Loyalty leaders grow faster than laggards

Net interest income growth for banks (2014–17)



Notes: Includes countries and banks where SNL Financial reporting is available; leader and laggard refer to the banks with the highest and lowest Net Promoter Score in each market for 2014
Sources: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018; SNL Financial

in the eye of the beholder. Yet universal building blocks of value do exist. As first described in a 2016 *Harvard Business Review* article, Bain has identified 30 Elements of Value that fall into four categories in consumer markets: functional, emotional, life-changing and social impact. Our model traces its conceptual roots to psychologist Abraham Maslow’s “hierarchy of needs,” published in 1943. Maslow argued that human actions arise from an innate desire to fulfill needs ranging from the very basic (security, warmth, food, rest) to the complex (self-esteem, altruism). The Elements of Value approach extends his insights by focusing on people as consumers, describing their behavior around products and services.

To see how the Elements of Value link to bank performance, we asked each respondent to rate his or her primary bank on each element, using a zero-to-10 scale. We then looked at the relationship to each bank’s Net Promoter Score, and found a close correlation. That is, the more elements on which a bank excelled, the higher its Net Promoter Score.

More broadly, across consumer industries including banking, companies that perform well on four or more elements have, on average, more than twice the Net Promoter Score of companies with a high score on just one element, and more than five times the score of companies with no high score on an element. Furthermore, companies that perform well on additional elements see a sharp increase in their Net Promoter Score. Strong performance on multiple elements also correlates closely with higher and sustained revenue growth, market share growth and consumers’ willingness to pay a premium price.

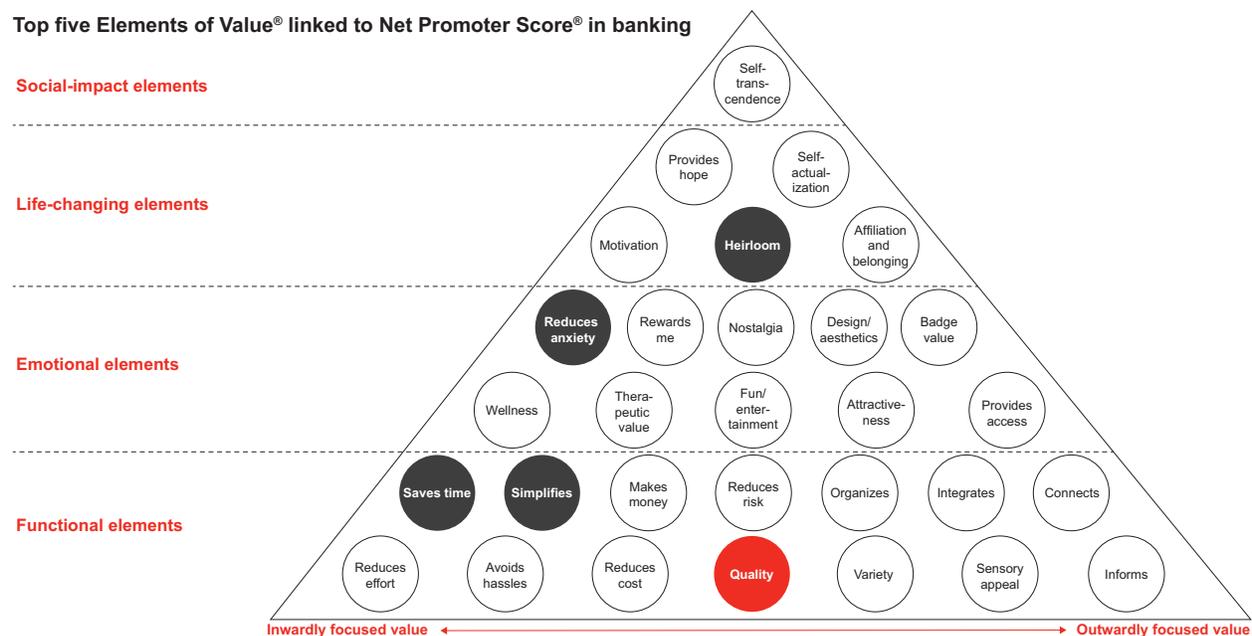
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For a given industry, of course, certain elements matter more than others to consumers. In banking, the five elements that have the greatest impact on Net Promoter Score are, first, *quality* by a wide margin, followed by *saves time*, *reduces anxiety*, *simplifies* and *heirloom*—a good investment for future generations (see Figure 3). Here, banks’ performance leaves much to be desired. Consumers on average give their primary bank a lower rating on these elements than at least one of the major tech firms, Amazon, Apple, Google and PayPal (see Figure 4). Banks will have to close the larger gaps on *quality*, *saves time* and *simplifies*, especially with Amazon reportedly planning to launch a no-frills account with a banking partner. And banks will want to take the lead over PayPal in *reduces anxiety*.

Large technology firms have the cash, digital expertise, consumer trust and strong performance in core Elements of Value to make further inroads into banking services. However, some banks have successfully defended their position by reorganizing how customers experience their products and services.

The key unit for managing experiences is now the customer “episode,” which consists of all the activities involved in fulfilling a customer’s need. For example, the “I need to replace a lost credit card” episode ends successfully when the customer receives and activates the new card, allowing her to make purchases again. Episodes range from a single interaction (paying a bill online) to an intricate series of interactions (buying a new home). A bank can identify its most important episodes and the sources of friction in each one, then mobilize dedicated teams to overhaul those episodes, usually by making them more simple and digital.

Figure 3: Quality has the biggest impact on loyalty in banking



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Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

Figure 4: Respondents rate at least one tech company higher than their primary bank on each of the five most important elements in banking

Top five Elements of Value[®] affecting Net Promoter Score[®] and the ranking of companies

	Quality	Saves time	Simplifies	Reduces anxiety	Heirloom
Leader	Apple	Amazon	Apple	Paypal	Apple
2	Amazon	Google	Google	Primary bank	Primary bank
3	Primary bank	Paypal	Paypal	Apple	Google
4	Paypal	Primary bank	Amazon	Amazon	Amazon
5	Google	Apple	Primary bank	Google	Paypal

Source: Bain/Research Now Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

How some banks are winning in payments

There are precedents for banks taking on an episode and competing successfully with nonbank companies, notably in the recent history of payments. Alternative payment methods are catching on in many countries, often with third parties such as Mercado Pago in Mexico and Argentina or Alipay in China leading the way. Third parties play an especially prominent role in emerging markets that lack a robust card infrastructure, such as India (see Figure 5).

Yet banks have managed to hold their own in payments in a few other countries, notably Sweden, Poland and Singapore. Sweden’s Swish app, which a consortium of seven large banks started in 2012, now dominates peer-to-peer payment and merchant purchases. The app benefits from Swedish law, which does not require retailers to accept cash. Swish transfers funds instantly at no charge to consumers.

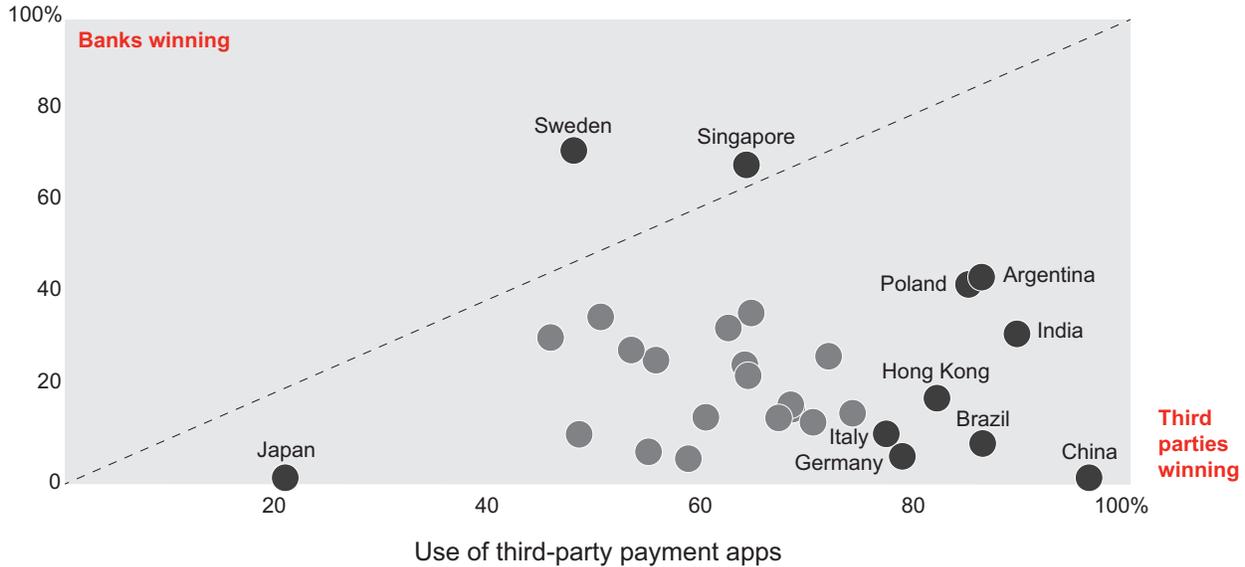
In Poland, the insurgent payments solution firms PayU and Przelewy24 lead in adoption among survey respondents. But Blik, an app started by the country’s six largest banks in 2015 and now available from the dominant nine banks, has also taken off, building on its strong functionality.

These experiences suggest that although the payments episode exhibits some winner-take-all characteristics due to network effects, the winning position is still fluid in many countries. Banks can catch

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Figure 5: Customers use third-party payment apps more than bank apps, except in Sweden and Singapore

Use of bank payment apps



Note: Consists of purchases made online or at point of sale in the prior three months
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

up to leading insurgents if they join forces to create an industrywide platform that is highly functional and consumer-friendly. But if banks don't figure out how to appeal to mobile-first customers, competitors will.

Make mine simple and digital

Simple and digital are critical characteristics in other episodes as well. This partly explains why direct banks such as ING outperform traditional banks on Elements of Value as well as Net Promoter Score. For instance, 92% of direct banks were highly rated by respondents on *saves time*, compared with 28% of traditional banks.

It also explains the rise of online fintechs like Quicken Loans, which grew from less than 1% of retail mortgage originations in the US in 2008 to almost 6% at the end of 2017. Quicken Loans recently overtook Wells Fargo to become the leading direct-to-consumer mortgage lender in the country. When the company launched Rocket Mortgage, Quicken Loans said a team of 500 software developers took three years to streamline the mortgage process. That's a level of investment that most banks hesitate to commit to.

When traditional banks excel on the Elements of Value and on loyalty, we find that most of them accelerated their digital transition early on. Consider DBS in Singapore, which has actively encouraged

its customers to shift to digital interactions. DBS reports financials separately for digital customers, with digital defined by share of transactions, product purchases or upgrades via digital channels. The bank's digital customers may cost 1.5 times more to serve than traditional customers, because they have more products and interact more online. But they generate nearly twice the income, because they also have higher deposits, loans and investments, and they cost much less to acquire.

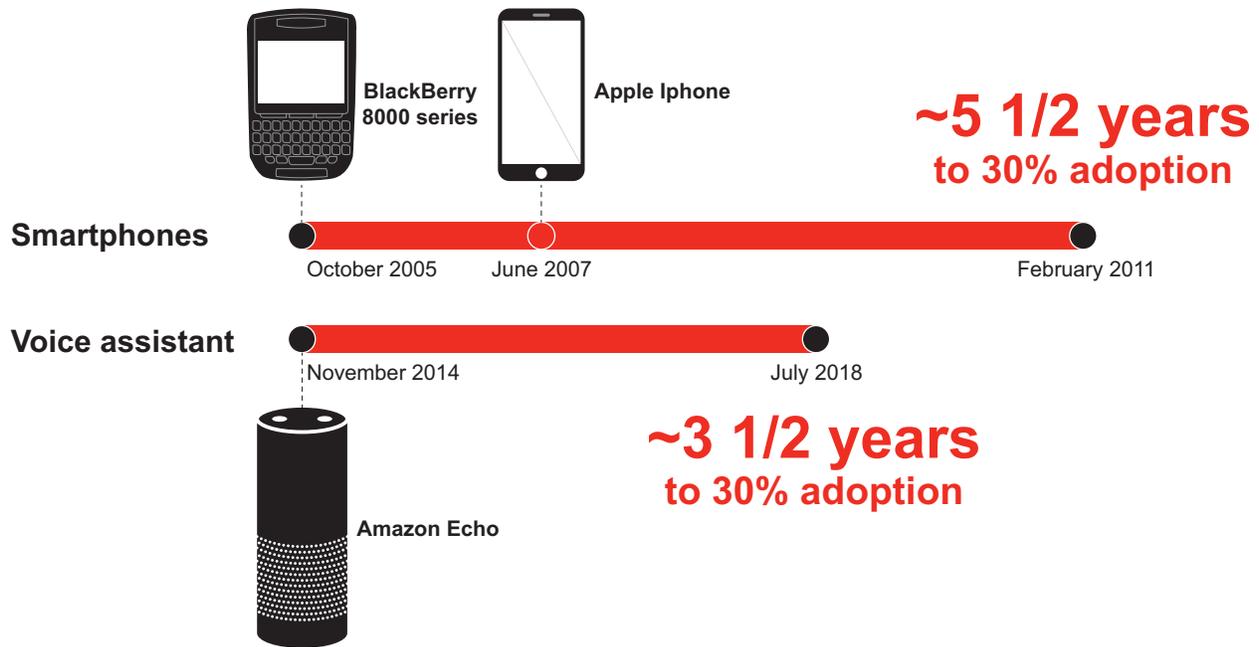
Regional banks often worry they will be outinvested by larger national banks, yet even smaller banks can thrive as digital innovators. Frost, based in the US state of Texas, was one of the first regional banks to launch Internet banking (in 2000), to offer digital deposits, to join the Zelle virtual wallet network and to allow customers to freeze their debit card by replying to a text message. Frost's digitally enabled experience has helped the bank ascend to the lead of traditional US banks on Net Promoter Score and Elements of Value performance.

Playing the long game

Bain's global survey analysis, augmented by our experience working with banks, large technology firms and fintechs, suggests certain moves that banks can take to increase loyalty and improve their economics.

- **Accelerate the digital migration.** Abundant evidence shows that customers who shift to digital banking have greater loyalty to their primary bank, cost less to serve and are more profitable. True, they shop around more for additional banking products, but once landed, they tend to engage more with their bank, which leads to a higher Net Promoter Score. Keeping up with digital advances demands the ability to adapt quickly. Consider the adoption of home voice assistants in the US. It took just 3½ years to reach 30% household adoption since Amazon released its Echo in November 2014, compared with about 5½ years for 30% adoption of smartphones (see Figure 6). And a large share of consumers in many countries are open to banking through a voice assistant.
- **Join, acquire or die.** To compete with fintechs, large technology firms and other disruptors, banks may need to collaborate on common solutions. Payments markets make this clear: only multibank, in-country payments platforms have allowed banks to stay in the hunt for consumer adoption of their apps. Fortunately, many bank brands are strong enough to partner with third parties to build ecosystems that provide additional services. And in some cases, banks will need to take a stake in a technology company or acquire it outright to gain the right capability or people. Santander, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and Barclays have all made such acquisitions in the past few years.
- **Cultivate emotional Elements of Value.** Banks have to perform better on a few functional elements such as *saves time* and *simplifies*. And *quality* remains table stakes. But banks have an opportunity to move up the hierarchy and further increase loyalty by improving on *reduces anxiety* and selectively adding other emotional elements. Bain research finds that delivering one more emotional element increases the Net Promoter Score 1.5 times more than adding one functional element. The key is to determine which elements will matter most for an individual bank's customers, and

Figure 6: Home voice assistants are spreading much faster than smartphones



Sources: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018; Comscore

whether the bank can deliver a strong performance on those elements. To that end, the bank branch network can be a source of emotional connections. New branch-based roles such as coaches for first-time home buyers or advisers for small businesses can elevate the branch to a channel that customers value. When supported by smart digital capabilities, a newly incarnated branch network may prove to be an emotional touchstone for many banks that strengthens their position against direct banks and tech firms.

These components reinforce each other in a chicken-and-egg cycle. Each bank will thrive or decline according to its ability to deliver elements that engender greater loyalty, incorporating digital tools where possible to improve the customer’s experience. No doubt, technology firms and direct banks will continue to make inroads, some of them substantial. So banks that dawdle will risk being left with the most unprofitable customers and a shrinking share.

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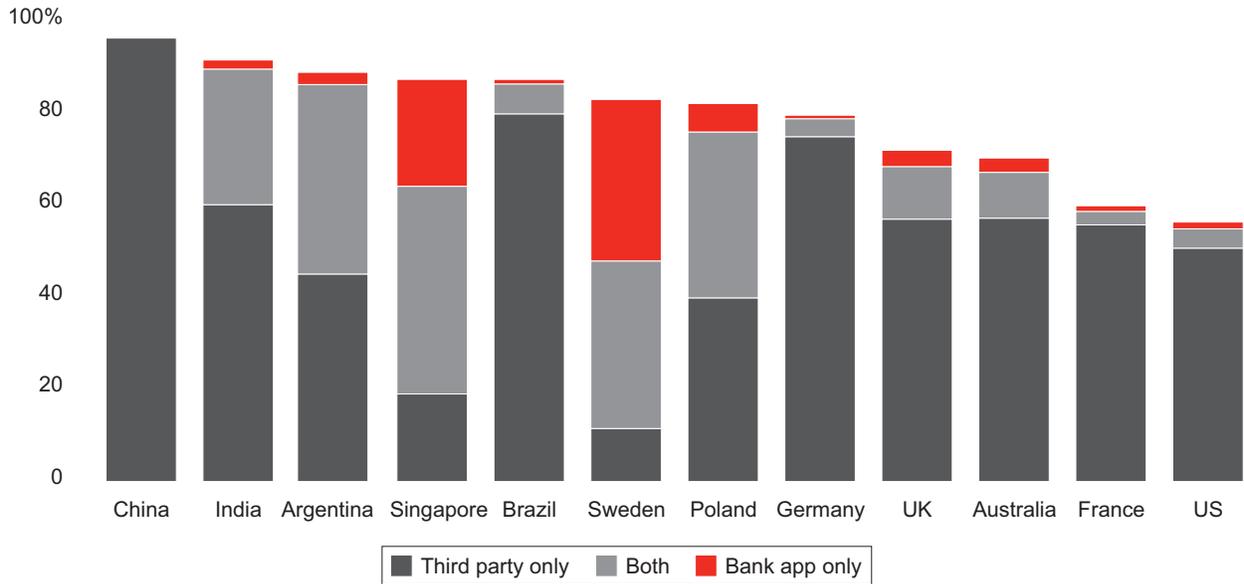
The battle for digital payments is still fluid

- Many countries have widely adopted digital payment services, for both purchases and peer-to-peer transfers.
- In most countries, nonbank third parties tend to dominate the market for purchase services, both online and in store. Very few respondents use only a bank app, with the highest shares in Sweden, Singapore, the Netherlands and South Africa.
- Fragmentation limits the adoption of bank apps. When banks band together to offer a single app, as in Sweden, Singapore, Argentina, Poland and South Korea, they have been able to increase consumer adoption.
- In the peer-to-peer payments market, bank apps fare slightly better than in the purchase market. Home-grown, third-party apps are most prominent in developing countries where credit and debit card networks have not matured, such as China, India, Brazil and Mexico.

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Figure 7: Consumers use third-party payment apps much more than bank apps in most countries

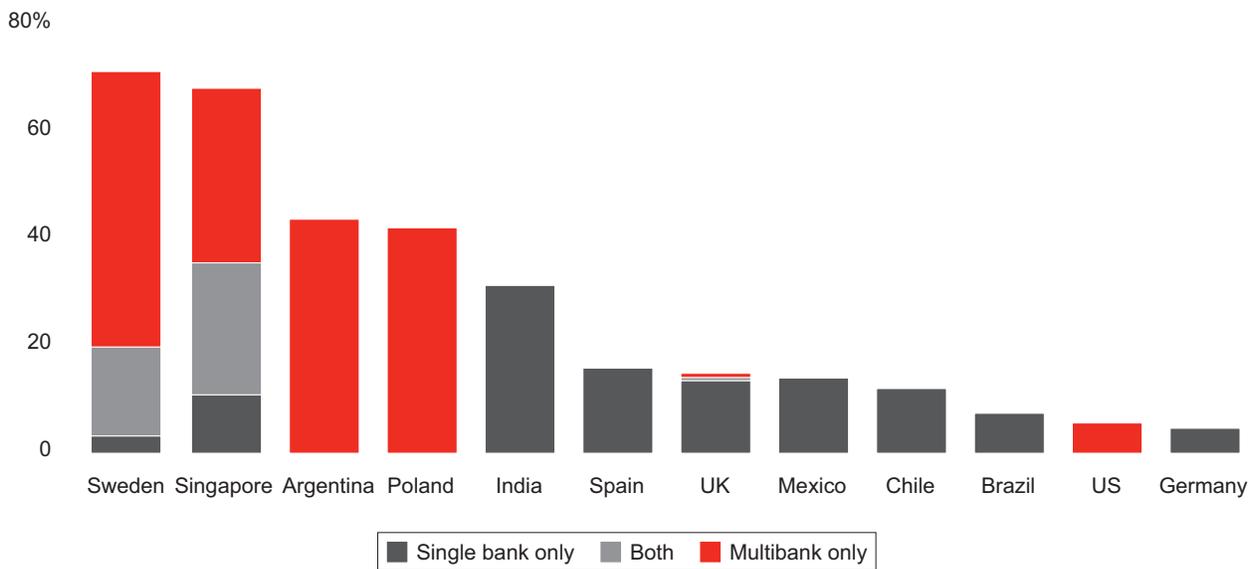
Percentage of respondents using bank or third-party payment apps for purchases



Note: Consists of purchases made online or at point of sale in the prior three months
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

Figure 8: When banks join forces, their payment apps are used more widely

Percentage of respondents using bank apps for purchases

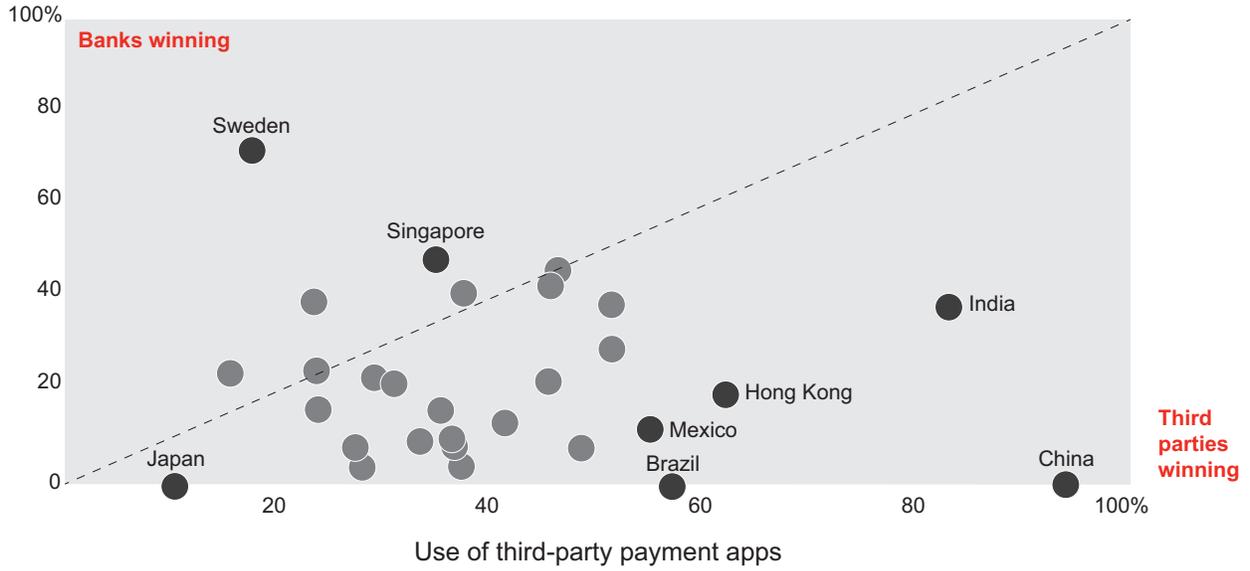


Note: Consists of purchases made online or at point of sale in the prior three months
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

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Figure 9: Third-party solutions for peer-to-peer payments are winning in most markets

Use of bank payment apps



Note: Transfers include money sent or received from friends or family in the prior three months
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018



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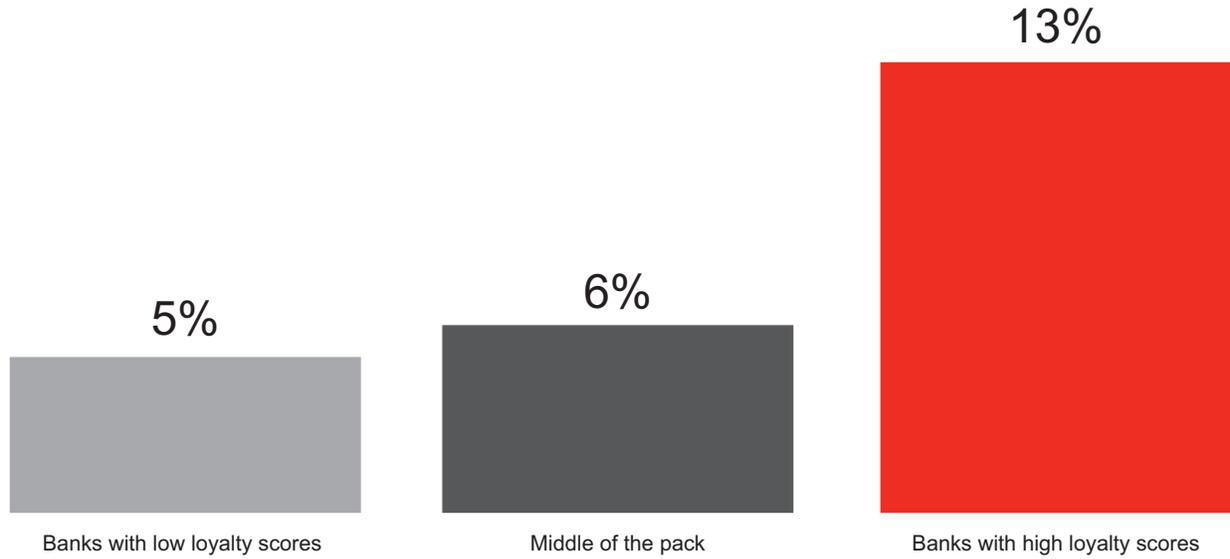
How the Elements of Value affect loyalty

- Banks with a high Net Promoter Score demonstrate stronger net interest income growth than those with low or middling scores. In the US, for instance, the growth gap is more than double.
- A bank's performance on the Elements of Value links closely with its Net Promoter Score. Strong performance by multiple elements correlates with a higher loyalty score.
- The elements that matter most to consumers in retail banking are, first, *quality* by a wide margin, followed by *saves time*, *simplifies*, *reduces anxiety* and *heirloom*.
- Most banks do not deliver a strong performance on these five elements, as rated by respondents. The gap between performance leaders and the rest of the pack is greatest on the more emotional elements of *heirloom* and *reduces anxiety*.
- Direct banks, with their digital expertise, perform better than traditional banks on most of the five elements, particularly on *saves time* and *quality*.

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Figure 10: US banks with high loyalty scores have grown faster than the market average over the past three years

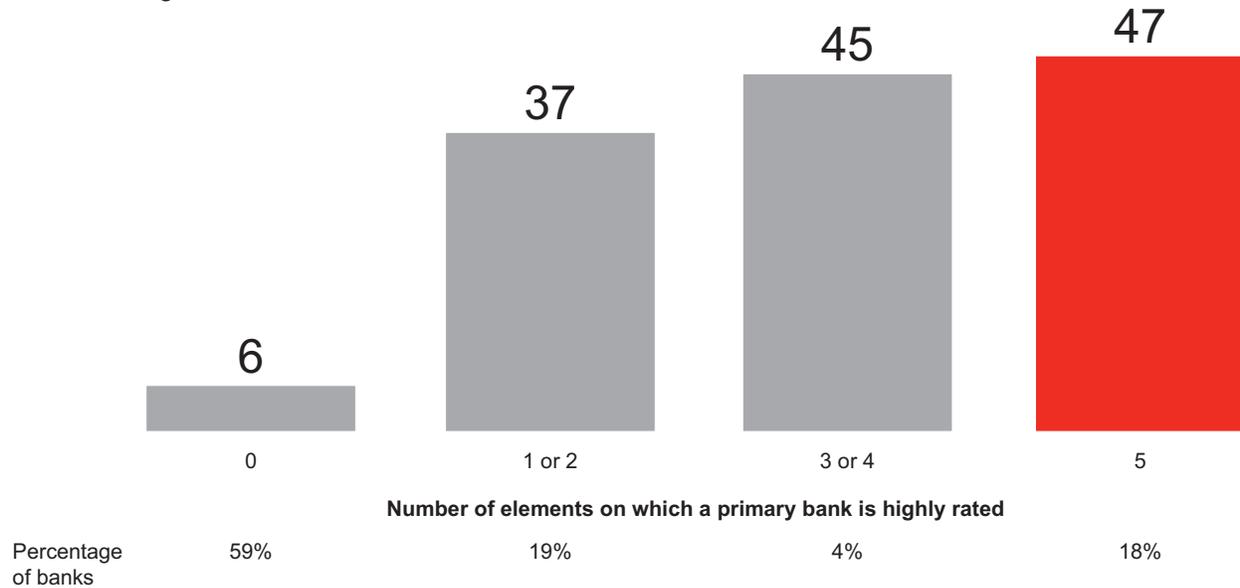
Net interest income growth for US banks (2014–17)



Note: Top and bottom banks consist of those greater or less than a half standard deviation above or below the US Net Promoter Score® average in 2014
Sources: S&P Global/SNL Financial; Bain/Research Now Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2014

Figure 11: Banks that deliver more Elements of Value® have higher loyalty scores

Banks' average Net Promoter Score®

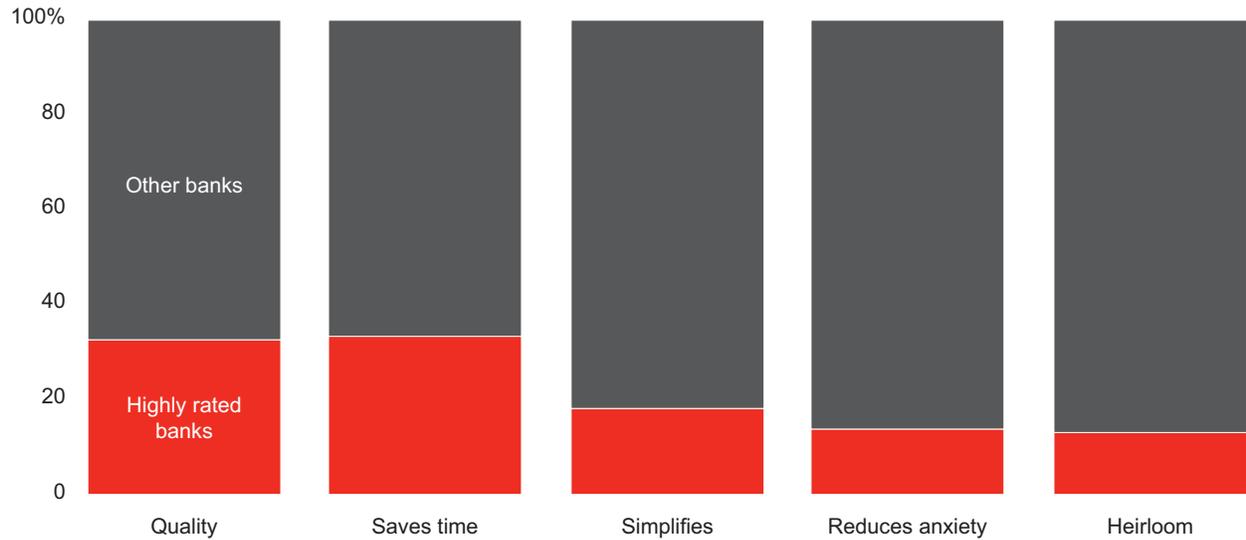


Notes: An element is delivered if more than half of respondents rate that element 8 or higher (on a scale of 10), and there were 200 or more respondents
Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

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Figure 12: Most banks do not perform well on the Elements of Value[®] that are important for loyalty

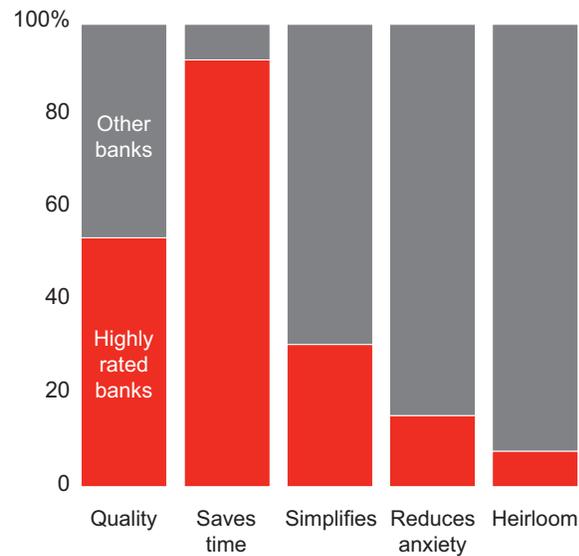
Percentage of banks globally



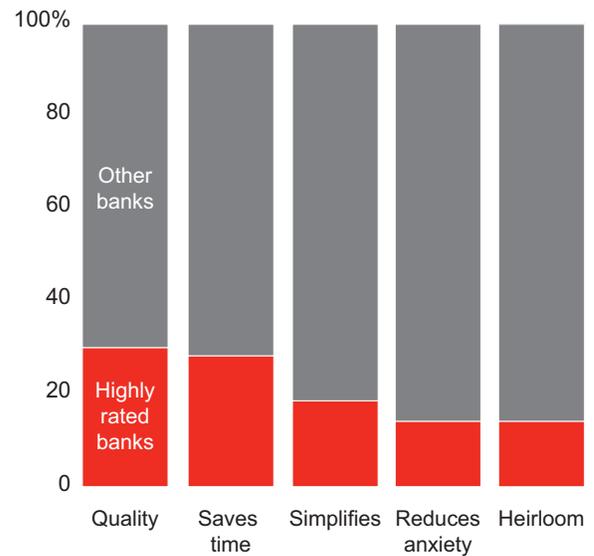
Notes: For highly rated banks, a majority of respondents rate the element 8 or higher (on a scale of 10); excludes banks with fewer than 200 respondents
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

Figure 13: Direct banks perform better than traditional banks on most of the Elements of Value[®] that matter in banking

Percentage of direct banks



Percentage of traditional banks



Note: For highly rated banks, a majority of respondents rate the element 8 or higher (on a scale of 10)
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018



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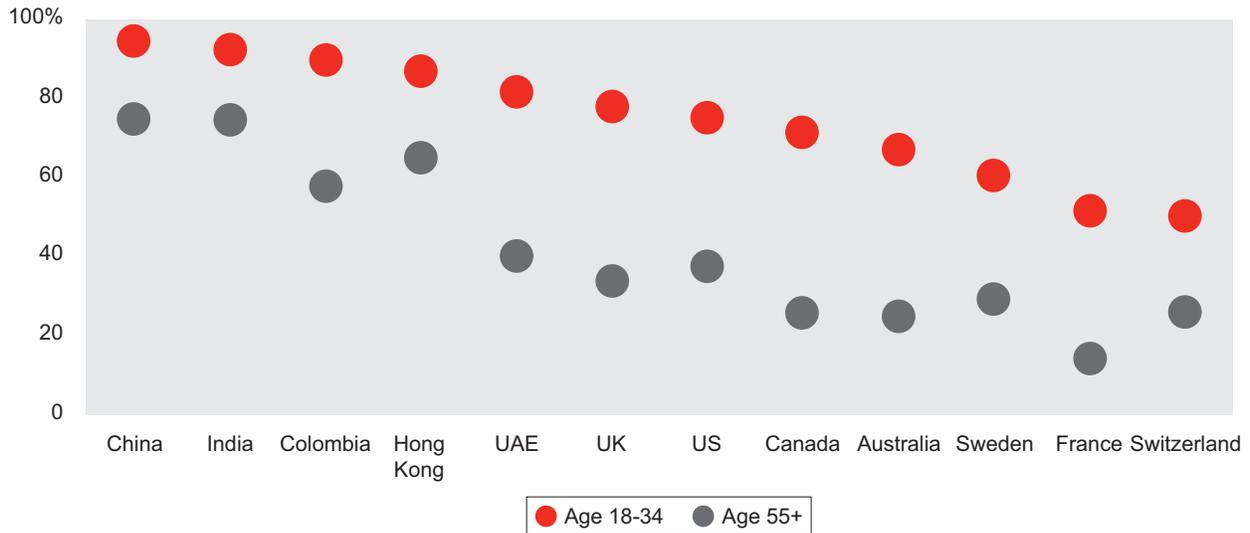
Consumers have relatively favorable perceptions of technology companies

- A high share of respondents are open to banking with tech companies in every country, especially in China, India and Latin American nations. Young respondents everywhere are more open to this kind of banking.
- In more than half the countries surveyed, respondents rank at least one tech company higher in trust with their money than banks in general. People in Italy, China, India and the UAE have the least trust in banks, while Japanese and Swiss respondents have the most.
- However, respondents generally accord higher trust to their own primary bank.
- Trust affects a customer's willingness to try banking services offered by tech companies. For example, respondents who accord higher trust to Amazon are more open to trying a bank account with the company. Similarly, respondents who assign a lower trust rating to their own primary bank also are more open to banking with Amazon.

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Figure 14: Younger respondents are more willing to try banking with technology companies

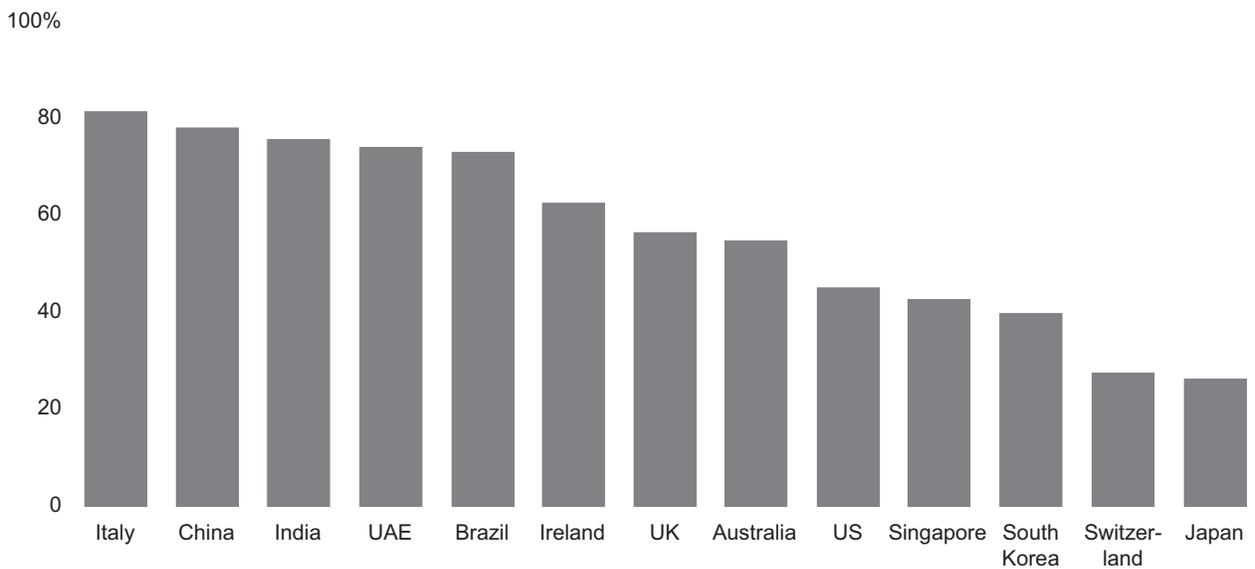
Percentage of respondents open to banking with tech companies



Note: Respondents were asked, "If you needed a new financial product, would you be open to trying a new offering from an established technology company you already use?" (e.g., Google, Apple, Facebook, Alibaba, Tencent)
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

Figure 15: Distrust of banks is widespread

Percentage of respondents who trust at least one tech company more than banks in general

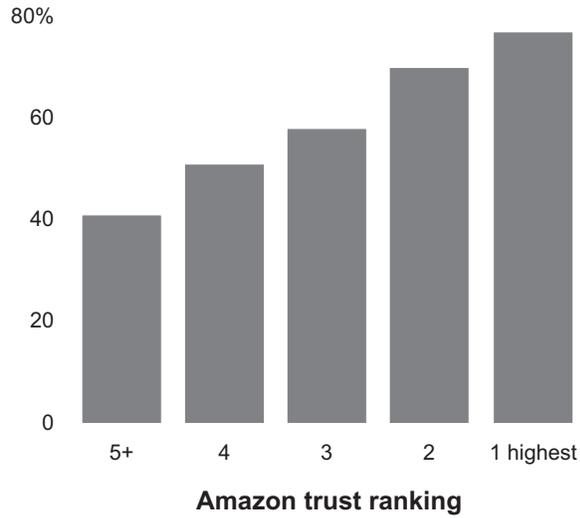


Note: Respondents were asked to rank tech companies (global and local) and banks based on whether they would trust them with their money
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

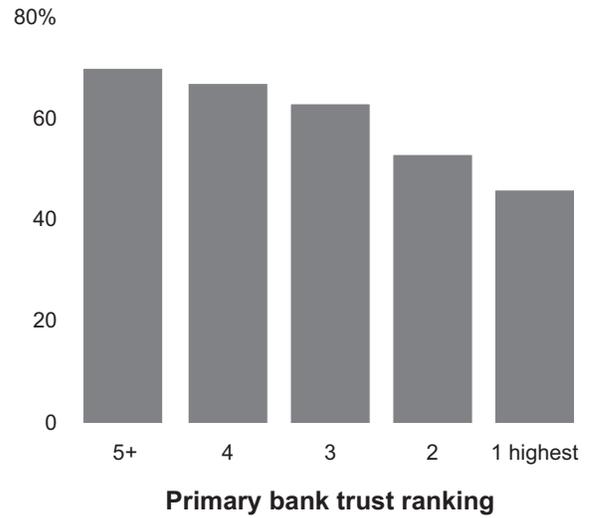
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Figure 16: Trust strongly influences consumers' willingness to try banking with Amazon

Percentage of respondents open to banking with Amazon, based on how much they trust Amazon



Percentage of respondents open to banking with Amazon, based on how much they trust their primary bank



Note: Respondents were asked to rank tech companies (global and local) and banks based on whether they would trust them with their money
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking US Amazon Survey, 2018



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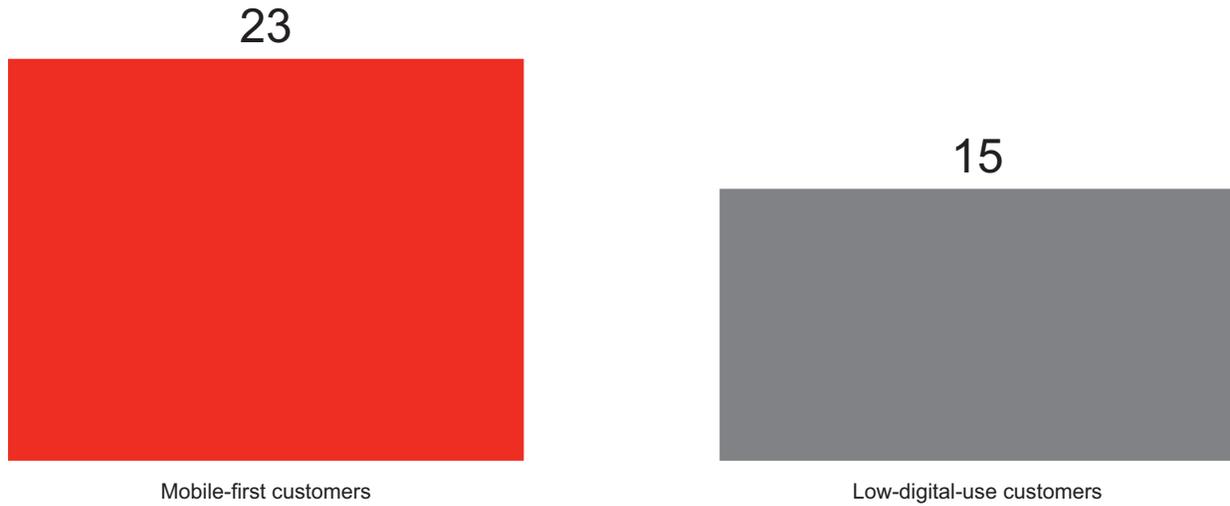
Digital channels are evolving quickly, with voice assistants coming on strong

- Mobile-first customers in almost every country give higher loyalty scores to their primary bank than people with low digital behavior do—globally, almost 50% higher.
- Digital customers tend to own more banking products, and they transact and engage more with their bank, DBS found in a rigorous study of its customers.
- While digital adoption has become high in all countries, there are still broad differences in digital-only banking behavior. Far more Swedish and Dutch respondents, for instance, use only digital channels than Mexican or Indian customers.
- When it comes to banking through Amazon, digitally active customers are more open to trying that. But digital respondents buy a smaller share of products from their primary bank; they are already spreading out their bank product holdings.
- Voice assistants, both at home and through the phone, are coming on strong. Customers of direct and national banks are most likely to use voice assistants. In the US, for instance, customers of Ally, Bank of America and Capital One report the highest adoption of home voice assistants.
- Many consumers in many countries, particularly those in emerging markets, are open to using voice assistants for their banking interactions.

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Figure 17: Customers who bank primarily on mobile devices give higher loyalty scores than users of traditional branches and call centers

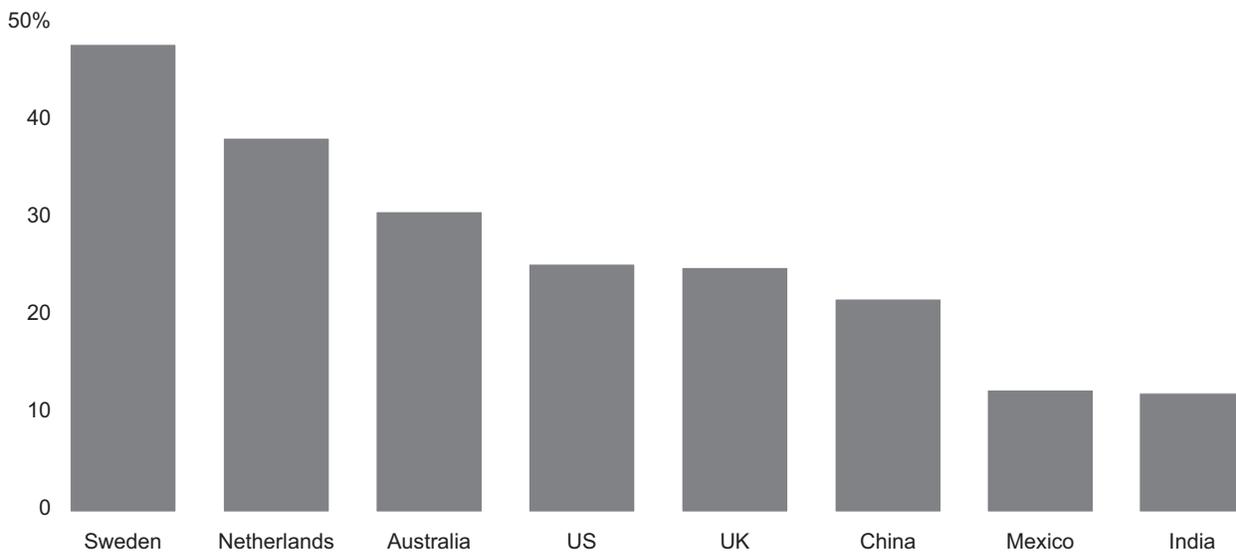
Net Promoter Score® for primary bank



Notes: Mobile-first respondents completed more than half of their bank interactions on mobile phones; low-digital-use respondents completed fewer than half of their bank interactions on digital channels
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

Figure 18: The share of mobile-first customers varies widely among countries

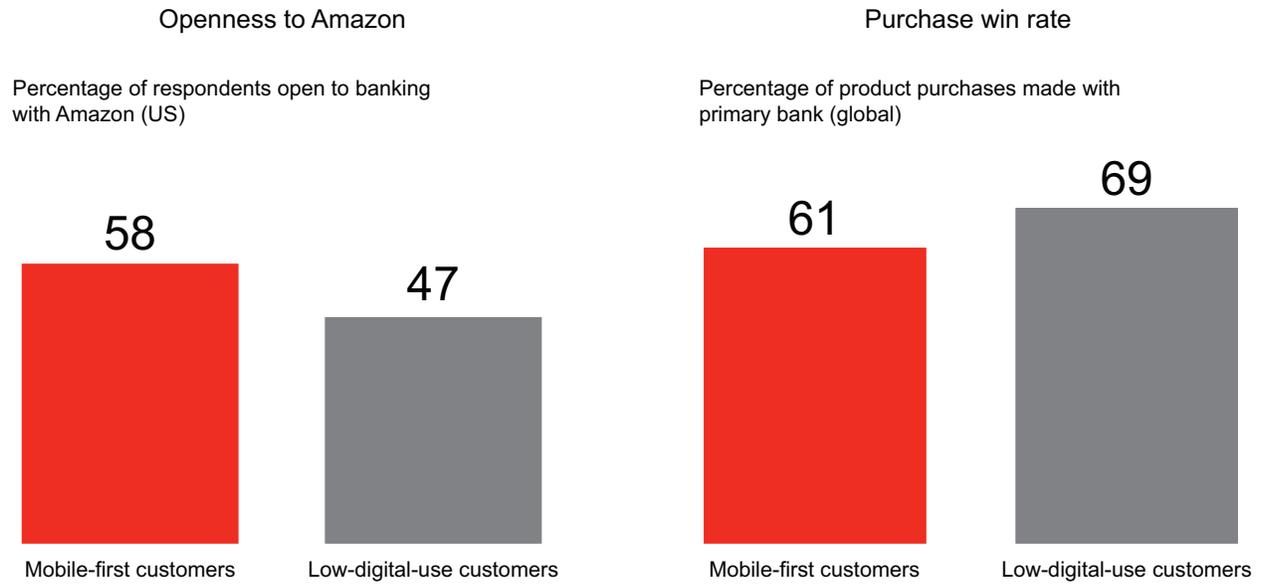
Percentage of respondents who are mobile-first



Note: Mobile-first respondents completed more than half of their bank interaction on mobile phones
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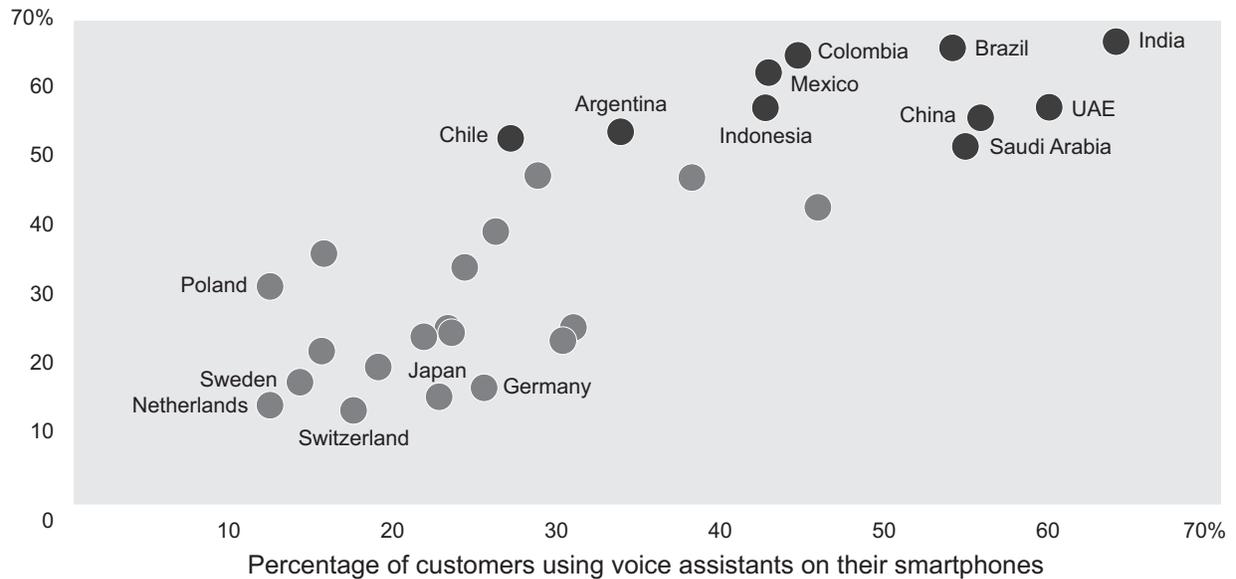
Figure 19: If banks don't figure out how to sell on mobile, other competitors will



Notes: Mobile-first respondents completed more than half of their bank interactions on mobile phones; low-digital-use respondents completed fewer than half of their bank interactions on digital channels
 Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

Figure 20: Widespread use of smartphone voice assistants correlates with a willingness to use them for banking

Percentage of customers open to using voice assistants for banking



Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018



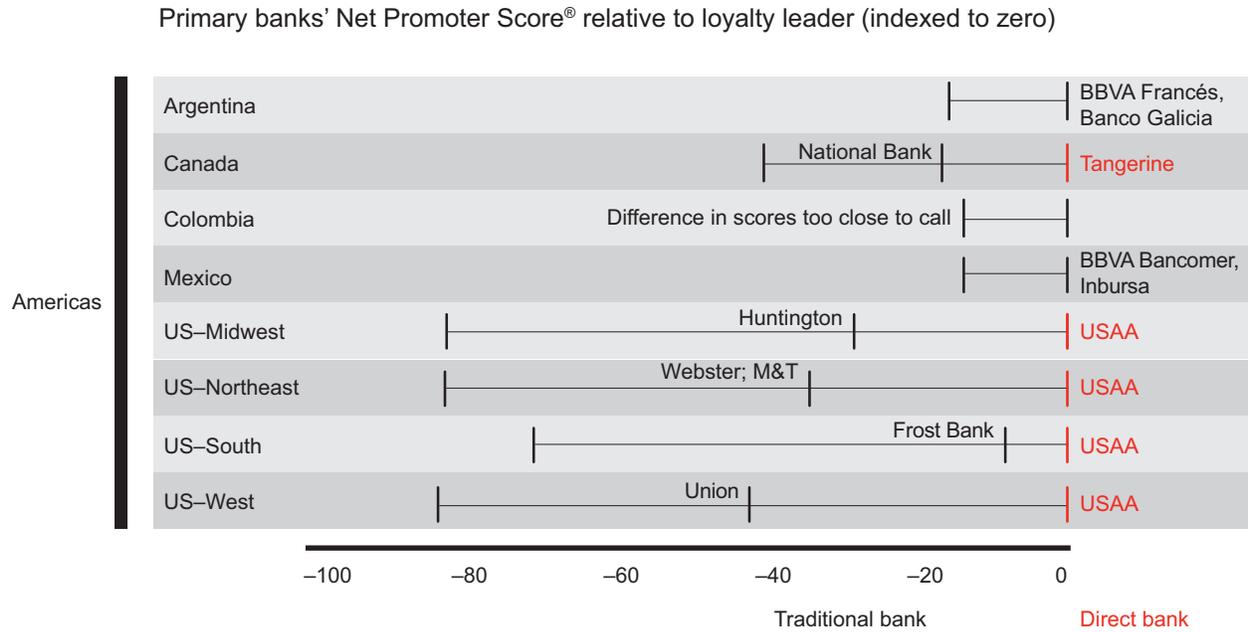
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Movement on the loyalty leader boards

- In many countries, direct banks continue to have higher loyalty scores than national, regional or smaller competitors.
- Some banks have steadily increased loyalty over the past few years. Metro Bank, founded in 2010, is now tied for Net Promoter Score leadership among UK traditional banks with physical locations. Metro's strategy of offering a great experience is paying off. With virtually no advertising, it relies on customer advocacy to fuel growth. Metro's customer base grew 33% in 2017, and deposits and lending increased 47% and 64%, respectively, with a similar trajectory in 2018.
- For an individual bank, what matters is how it performs against peers in its market. Using that lens, loyalty scores vary widely from country to country. In-country differentials between the loyalty leader and the laggard were largest in Spain, the UK, Hong Kong and most regions of the US. The gaps were narrowest in the Netherlands, Mexico and Colombia.
- Several banks have held the top spot from year to year, including USAA in the US, Raiffeisen in Switzerland and First Direct in the UK.
- There are several paths to loyalty leadership. A traditional bank might earn a high Net Promoter Score largely because of excellent service in its branches and call centers, whereas customers of a direct bank might cite the simple, straightforward app experience and attractive interest rates and fees.

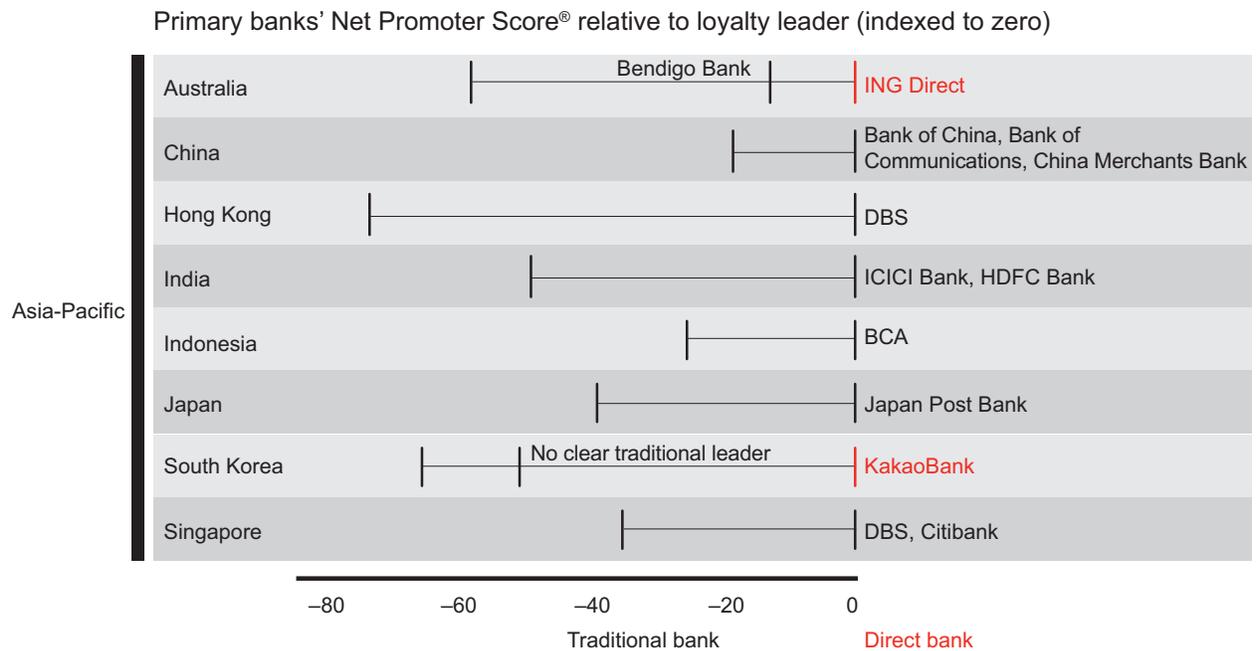
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Figure 21: In most markets in the Americas, there is a large gap between loyalty leaders and laggards



Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

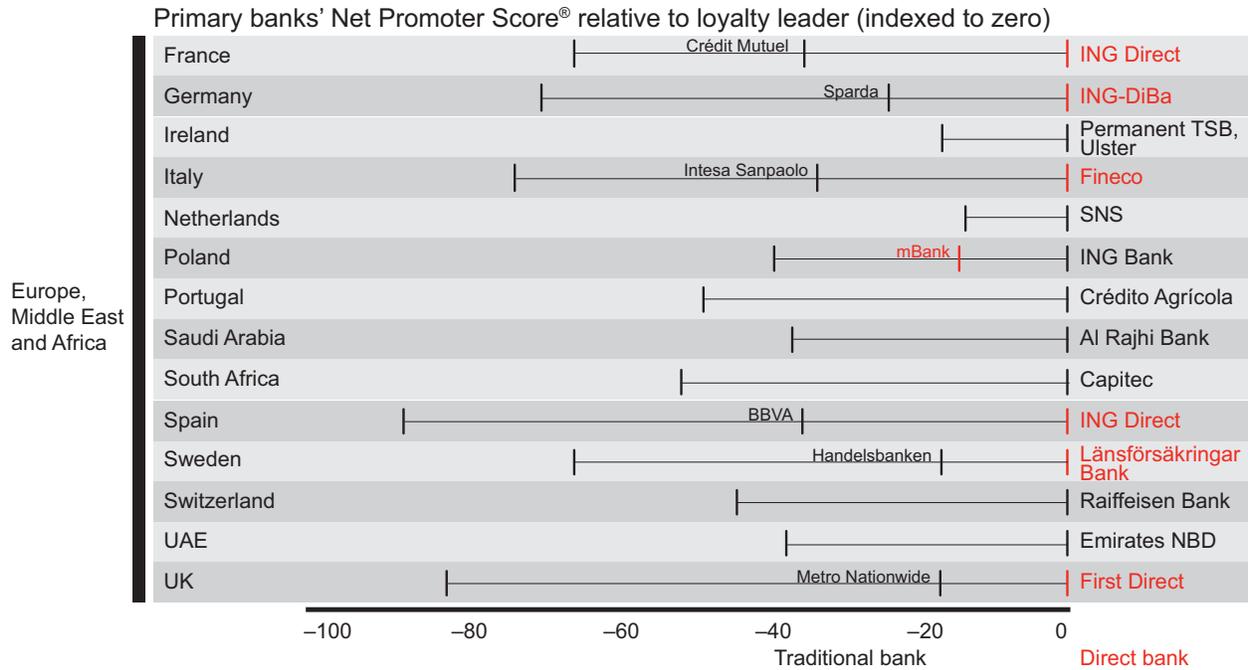
Figure 22: In most Asia-Pacific markets, there is a large gap between loyalty leaders and laggards



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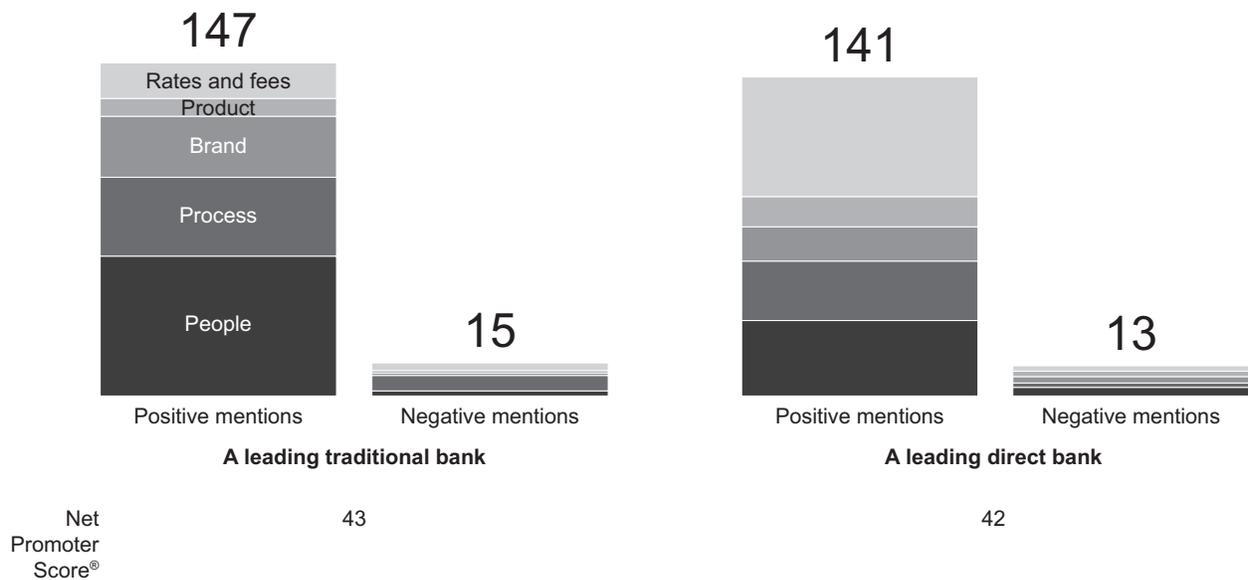
Figure 23: In most markets in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, there is a large gap between loyalty leaders and laggards



Source: Bain/Research Now SSI Retail Banking NPS Survey, 2018

Figure 24: Consumers emphasize different priorities for different types of banks

Total mentions per 100 promoters and detractors



Notes: People category includes customer service interactions; process includes location convenience and digital ease of use; brand includes reputation and trustworthiness; product includes references to individual products; rates and fees includes service fees and interest rates on deposits and loans
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Appendix: Methodology

Bain & Company partnered with Research Now SSI, an online global market-research organization, to survey consumer panels in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UAE, the UK and the US. The survey's purpose was to gauge customers' loyalty to their principal bank and the underlying reasons customers hold their views. Conducted from July to September 2018, the survey polled 151,894 respondent consumers of national branch network banks, regional banks, private banks, direct banks, community banks and credit unions in these countries.

For most individual bank analysis, we included only banks for which we received at least 200 valid responses. In Hong Kong, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland and UAE, we included banks with at least 100 responses. In many instances, sample sizes exceeded these thresholds.

Survey questions

Respondents were first asked to identify their primary bank, then were asked the following questions to assess their loyalty to that institution:

- On a scale of zero to 10, where zero represents “not at all likely” and 10 represents “extremely likely,” how likely are you to recommend your primary bank to a friend or relative?
- Tell us why you gave your primary bank the score you did.

Ratings of zero to 6 signify detractors, 7 and 8 signify passives, and 9 and 10 signify promoters. A Net Promoter Score is calculated by subtracting the percentage of detractors from the percentage of promoters. A positive score indicates advocacy and support, while a negative score shows the opposite.

We asked what major products respondents hold with their primary bank and with other banks, and which of these products were purchased in the past year. We also asked respondents what their most recent purchase had been, and the bank and channels they used to make this purchase. Further, we asked how often they interacted through various channels to do their banking in the past three months. We also asked respondents to rate their bank on a list of 30 Elements of Value. And we asked questions about respondents' attitudes toward using technology companies for financial products. The remaining questions elicited demographic profile information: household income, investable assets and region of residence.

For statistical significance, the results of our data analysis are robust for the measurement of bank Net Promoter Score by country or US region. Where our threshold for the bank's inclusion in the Net Promoter Score rankings is a sample size of 200, the score measured for each bank is statistically significant to an 80% confidence level, with a one-tailed test of the confidence interval ranging from plus or minus 2.3% for a sample size of 1,648, to plus or minus 11.8% for a sample size of 101. In countries where sample sizes were smaller, confidence intervals are wider, with a maximum of plus or minus 10%.

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