The Price (and Promotion) is Right: Understanding Shopper Behavior, Trends and Preferences

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## Agenda

- Who we are
- What we do and how we do it
- Price & Promotion Trends
- Opportunities to optimize your category for Price & Promotions
- **Q&A**



## Who we are...





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## At Shopper Intelligence, We Provide the "Why" How to Complement the theur clients:

- Ongoing syndicated shopper study that tracks over 110 categories and 50+ retailers
- Standardized questions allow for benchmarking, comparing & ranking

- Create a shopper centric approach both internally and with their retailers
- Prioritize category strategies for more effective and efficient planning
- Build alignment between retailers, manufacturers and shoppers





## What are the insights we know on your category?



#### Wants & Needs

Understand priorities & retailer performance



#### Path To Purchase

Triggers to leverage on the P2P



In 2023, we surveyed more than 153k shoppers across 117 categories & 70 different retailers

#### WHICH US RETAILERS ARE CURRENTLY BEING TRACKED BY SHOPPER INTELLIGENCE?



#### WHICH CATEGORIES ARE CURRENTLY BEING TRACKED BY SHOPPER

Alcohol Dept	Frozen Dept	HABA Dept	Meat Dept
Beer	Frozen Breakfast	Adult Incontinence	Bacon
Champagne & Sparkling Wine	Frozen Dinners & Entrées	Adult Pain Relievers	Fresh Meat
Hard Seltzer	Frozen Meat	Antacids & Stomach	Fresh Seafood
Red Wine	Frozen Pizza	Bar Soap Products	Hot Dogs
Spirits/Liquors	Frozen Potatoes & Onion Rings	Body Wash	Sausage
White & Rosé Wine	Frozen Seafood	Cosmetics - Facial Makeup	Sliced Lunch Meat
Baby Dept	Frozen Snacks	Cosmetics - Lips	Paper Dept
Baby Food	Frozen Vegetables	Cosmetics - Nails	Bathroom Tissue
Diapers & Training Pants	Ice Cream	Deodorant & Antiperspirant	Disposable Plates
Disposable Wipes	Ice Cream Novelties	Fragrances	Disposabale Cups
Infant & Toddler Formula	Gen Merchandise Dept	Hair Coloring Products	Disposable Cutlery
Bakery Dept	Checkout Magazines & Newspapers	Hair Removal	Facial Tissue
Fresh Rolls & Baked Goods	Greeting Cards	Hair Styling Aids	Napkins
Hot Dog & Hamburger Buns	Office & School Supplies	Interdental Products	Paper Towels
Prepackaged Bread	Toys	Mouthwashes & Rinses	Pet Care Dept
Beverages Dept	Grocery Dept	Razors & Blades	Cat Food & Treats
Energy Drinks	Canned & Jarred Vegetables	Sexual Wellbeing/Family Planning	Dog Food
Shelf Stable Juices	Canned & Pouch Tuna	Shampoo & Conditioners	Dog Treats & Chews
Ready to Drink Tea	Coffee	Shave Preps	Produce Dept
Refrigerated Juices & Drinks	Dips & Spreads	Skin Care	Fresh Fruit
Soft Drinks	Dry Pasta	Soap - Liquid & Sanitizers	Fresh Vegetables
Sports Drinks	Fruit Spreads	Specialty Bath	Snacking Dept
Water	Nut Butters	Toothbrushes	Checkout Chocolate Candy
Dairy Dept	Pasta Sauces	Toothpaste & Whiteners	Checkout Gum & Mints
Butter & Margarine	Prepackaged Dried Fruit	Upper Respiratory	Cookies
Cottage/Cream Cheese, Sour Cream	Ready-To-Eat Cereal	Vitamins/Minerals/Supplements	Energy & Protein Bars
Deli Cheese	Rice	Household Products Dept	In Aisle Chocolate Candy
Eggs	Side Dishes	Air Care	In Aisle Gum & Mints
Milk	Soup	Dish Care	Salty Snacks
Natural or Processed Cheese	Sugar & Sweeteners	Fabric Care	Snack Crackers
Yogurt	Теа	Laundry Detergent	Snack Nuts
	Toaster Pastries	Surface Care	Sugar Candy
	Vegetable & Cooking Oils		



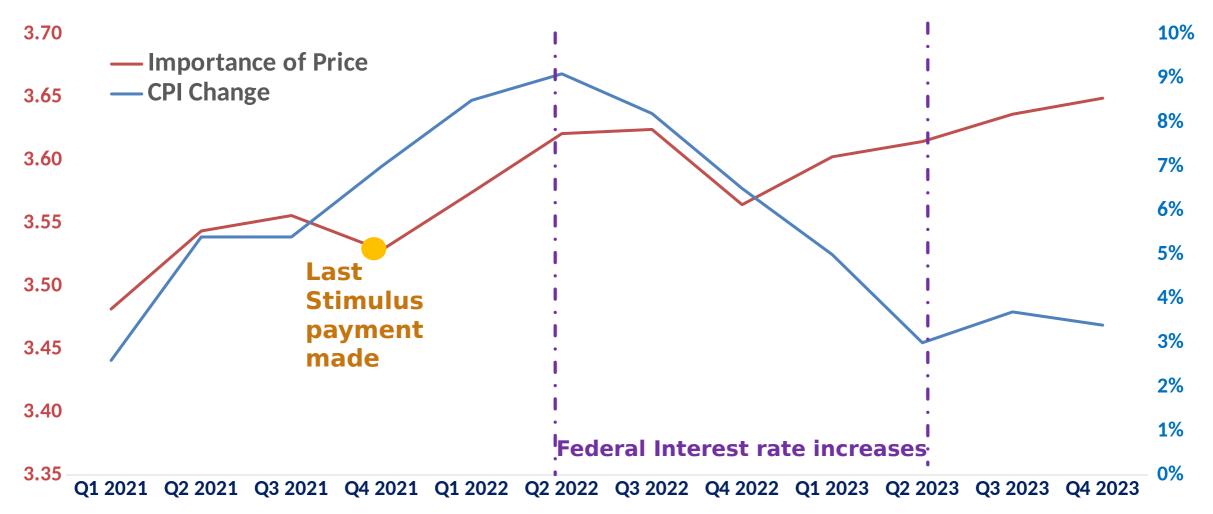
#### **Current Categories Q2**

#### 110+ categories being tracked

#### New categories added every quarter



# Both inflation and interest rates have had a profound effect on the importance of price to shoppers





Source: CPI - US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 12 month % Chg Shopper Intelligence Survey - Importance of Price Score; All Categories, All Retailers



#### Food Prices are predicted to continue to be an issue



### Lower Inflation? Not at the Grocery Store

A spike in inflation to over 9% last year has largely subsided. But prices of staples like butter, sugar and potatoes that rose over 20% since the start of 2022 have yet to come down.

By Chris Gilligan | June 30, 2023, at 2:14 p.m.



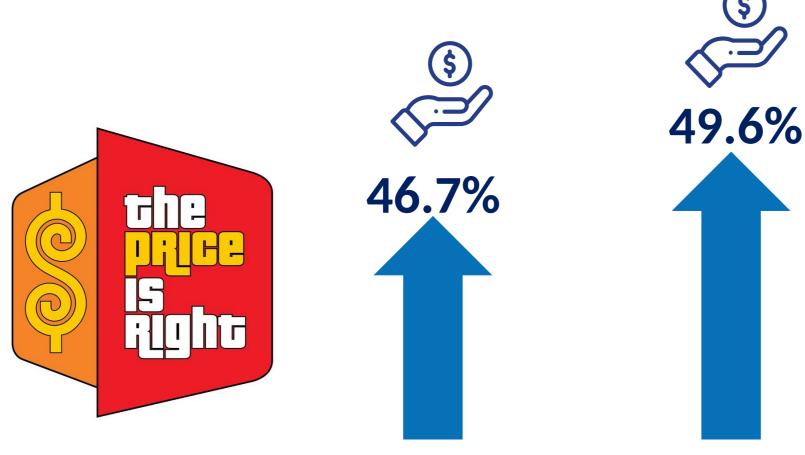
Food Prices Outpace General Inflation: Here's What You Need To Know



USDA: Grocery food prices will increase in most categories in 2024



Nearly half of shoppers said that price played a strong or very strong role in their purchase decision



% of Shoppers who said Price played a <u>Strong or</u> <u>Very Strong</u> Role of Price in Purchase decision

2022

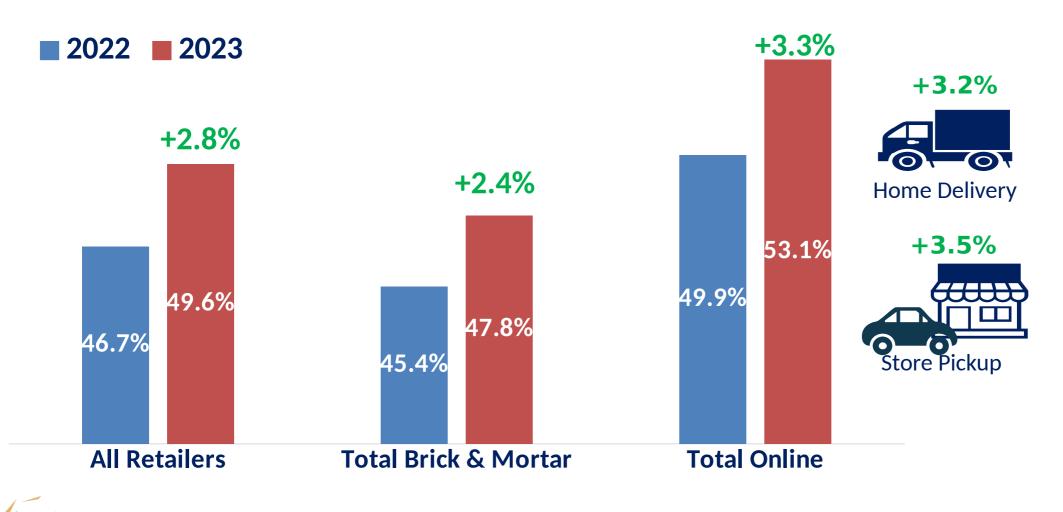
2023



Source: Shopper Intelligence Survey 2022 (sample 45,565 shoppers) and 2023 (sample 153,590 shoppers); Q: What role did price play in your purchase decision?; New Survey Question from 2022



Online has seen an even larger increase in shoppers saying price plays a strong or very strong role







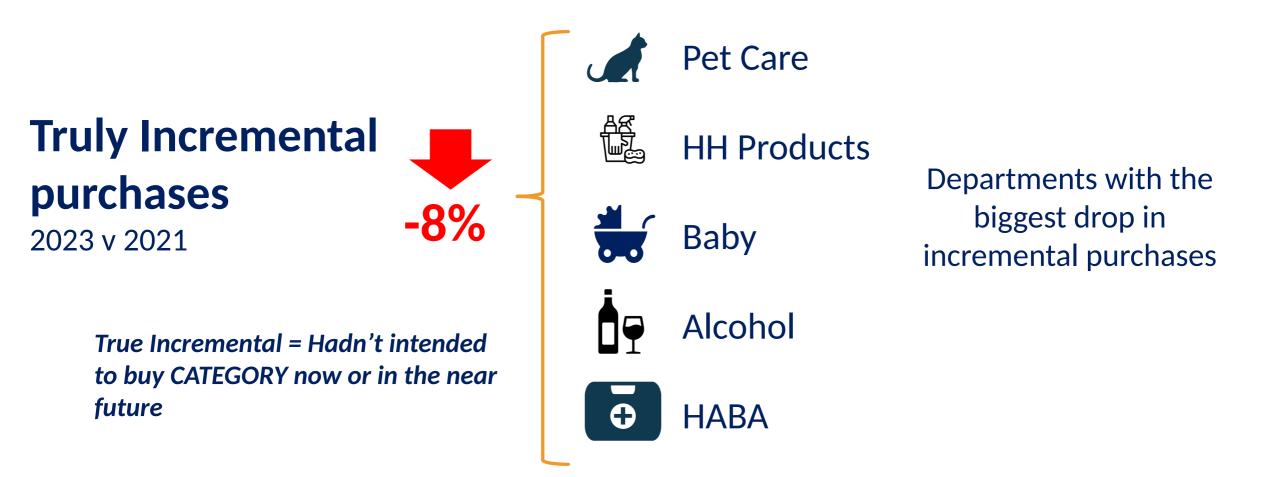
#### **Converting shoppers via promotions is becoming more challenging**







### Shoppers are reducing discretionary spend

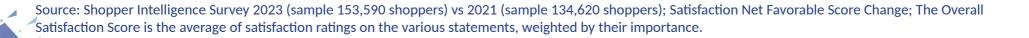


Source: Shopper Intelligence Survey 2021-2023; Q:Was the CATEGORY you bought at a reduced price or on another promotion? If so, which of the following would you say best applies? What difference (if any) did the promotion make to your purchase of CATEGORY? Bought CATEGORY only because of the promotion - which of the following best apply: True Incrementality; Brought Forward; Promo Junkie (Detail)



### Satisfaction has seen a drop since 2021 driven by declines in Price and Product







Some Departments are performing better than others on Price Satisfaction





Source: Shopper Intelligence Survey 2023 (sample:153,590 shoppers); Rank of Price Satisfaction by Department

## Opportunitie s to prioritize investment

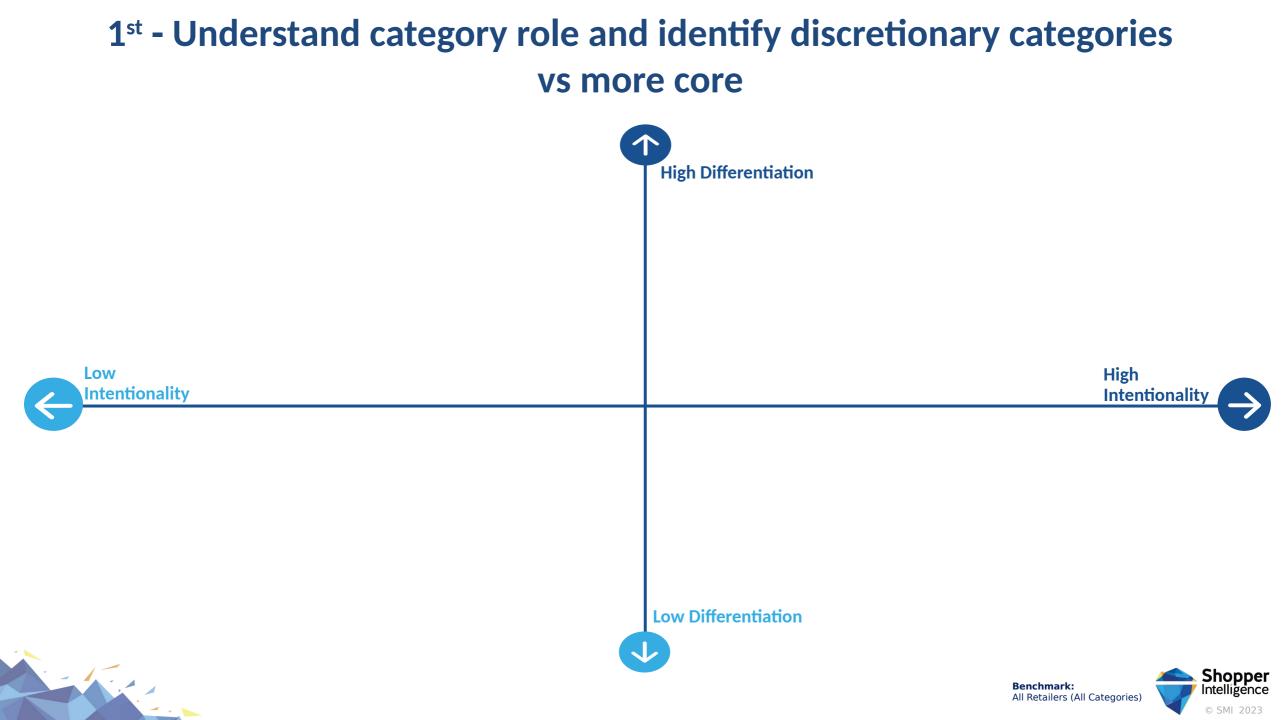


3 Key Opportunities to prioritize investment

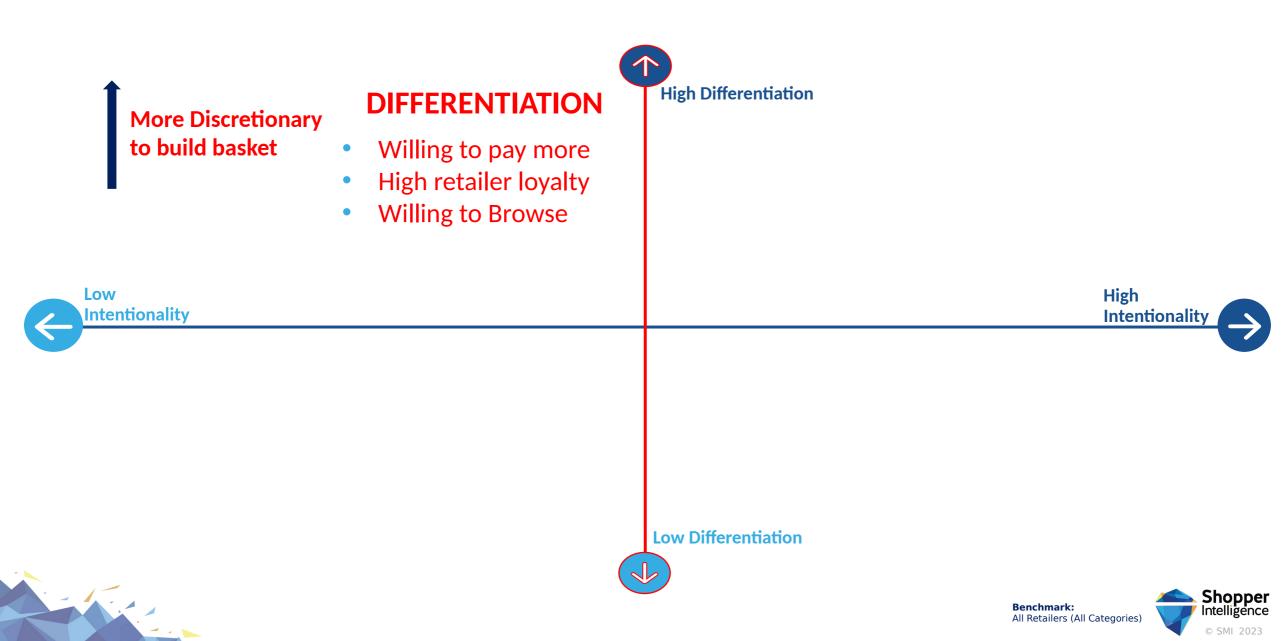
1. Understand the role of the category

- 2. Look at Private Label risk
- 3. Know what's important to your category shopper and what is underperforming

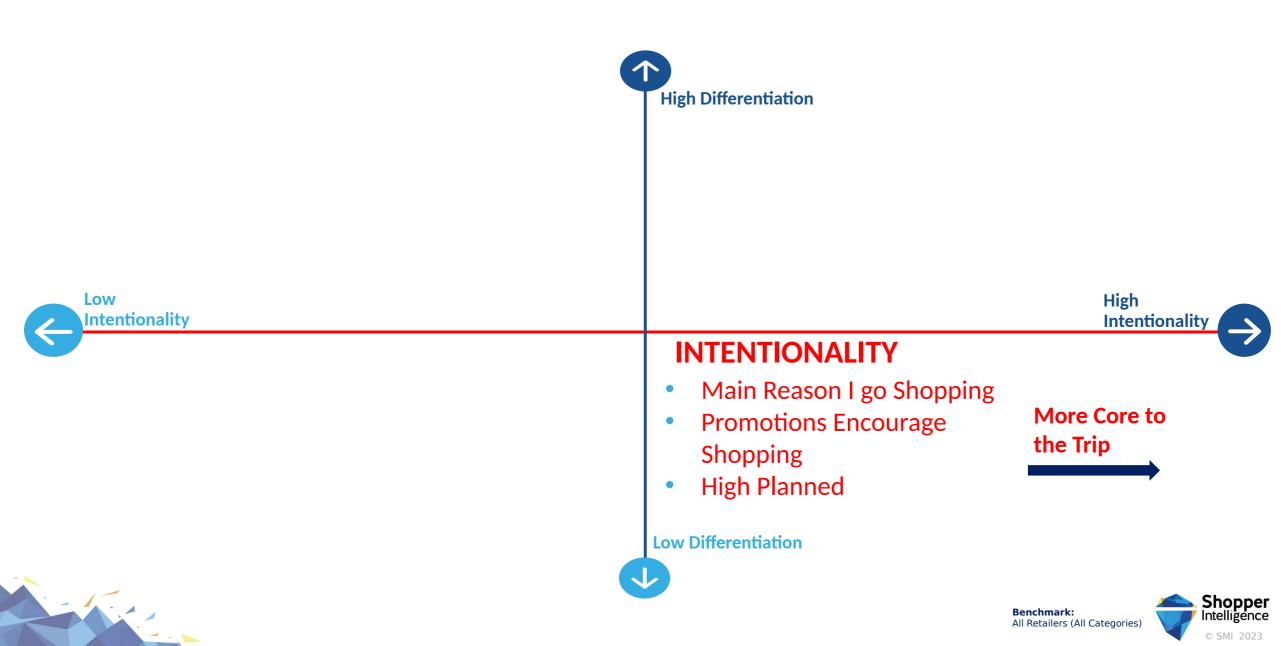




#### DIFFERENTIATION



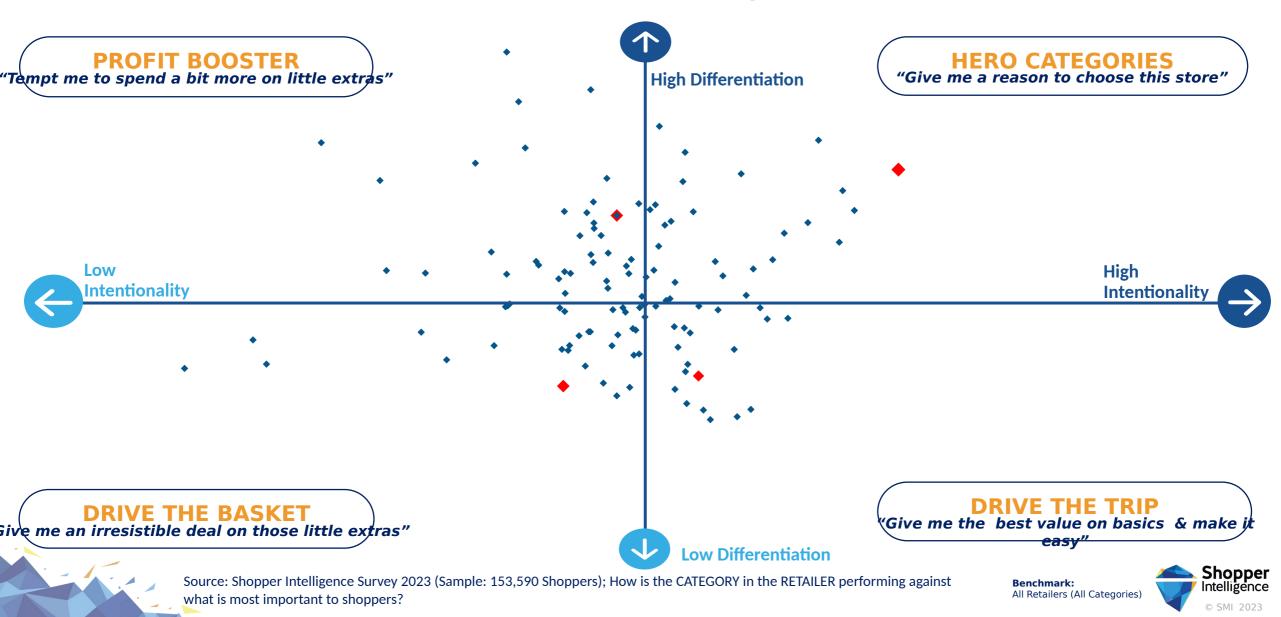
#### **INTENTIONALITY**



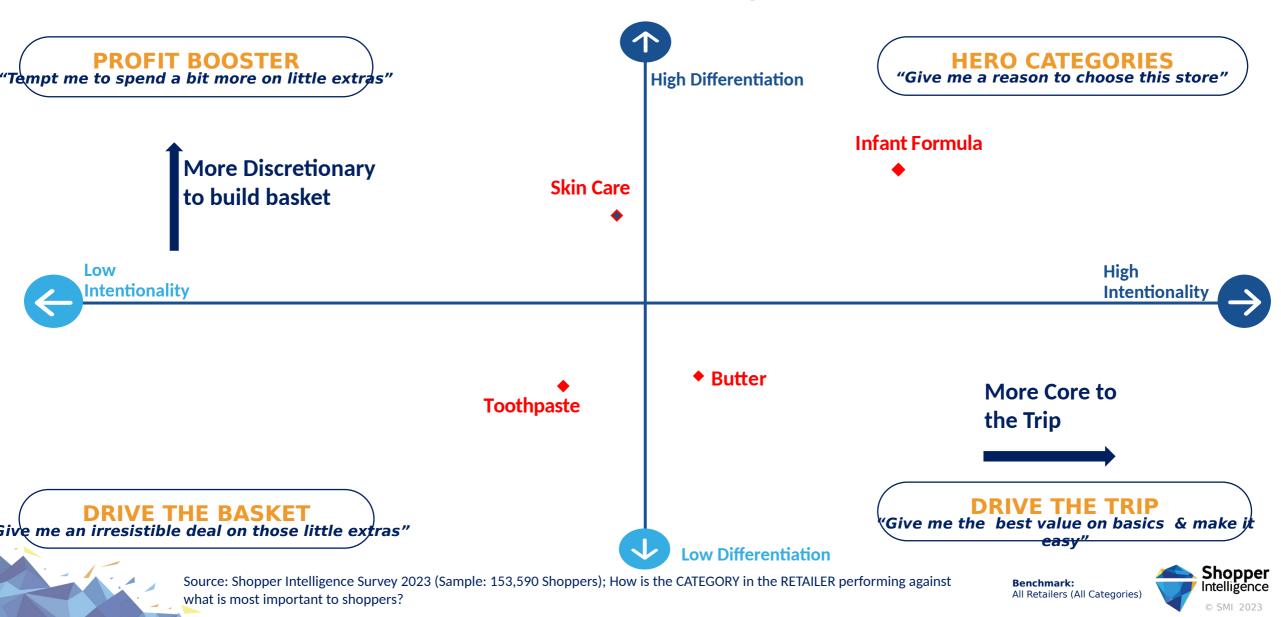
#### **KEY IMPLICATIONS BY QUADRANT**

"Tempt me to spend a bit more on little extras"	High Differentiation HERO CATEGORIES "Give me a reason to choose this store"	
<ul> <li>Prioritize displays and theatre</li> <li>Drive trade up through premium</li> <li>Use multi-buy promotions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lead with innovation</li> <li>Use theatre to highlight destination</li> <li>Invest more in pre-store promotions</li> <li>Differentiate from store brands</li> </ul>	
Low Intentionality	High Intentionality	
<ul> <li>Invest in Price to "Wow" the Shopper</li> <li>Invest in Display</li> <li>Promotional focus on volume</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Optimize Out of Stocks</li> <li>Lead on value (get the basics right)</li> <li>Promote pre-store</li> </ul>	
<b>DRIVE THE BASKET</b> Five me an irresistible deal on those little extras"	Low Differentiation	
	Benchmark: All Retailers (All Categories)	

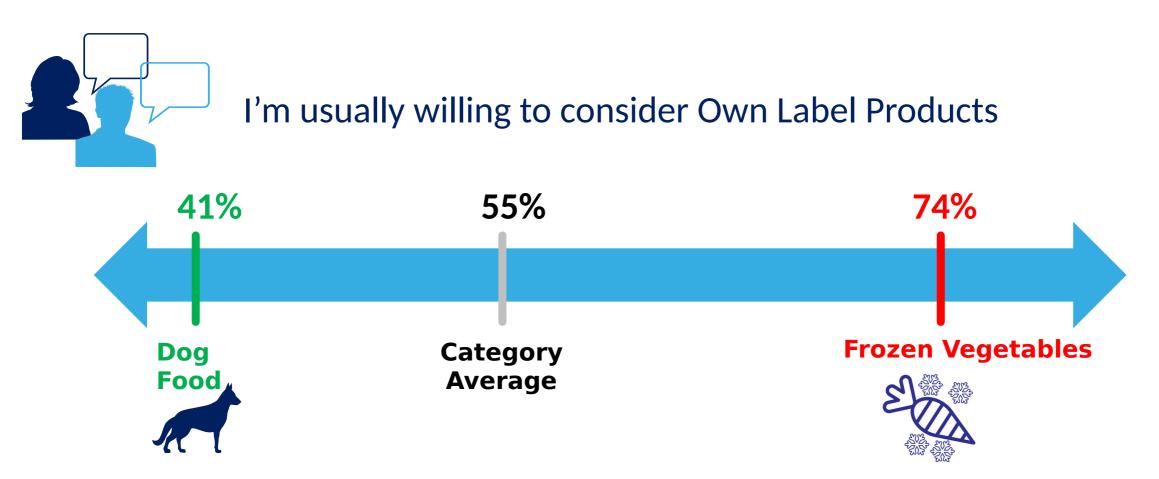
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# 2<sup>nd</sup> - Understand where private label plays a more important role and build brand equity





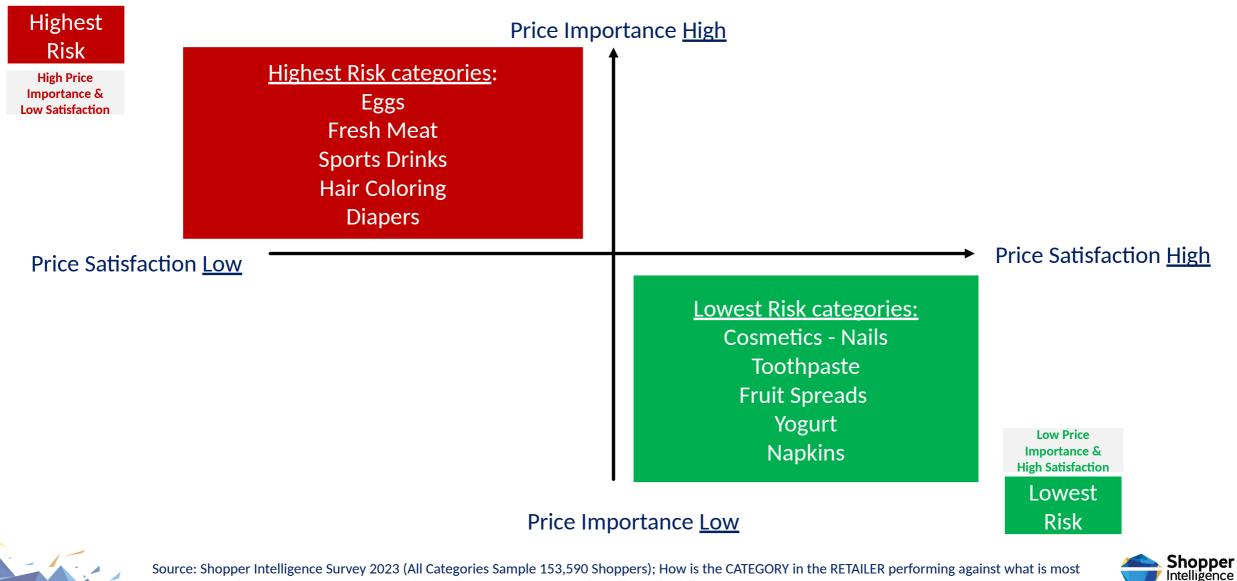
- Source: Shopper Intelligence Survey 2023 (Sample: 153,590 shoppers); I'm usually willing to consider Own Label Products; % of Shoppers who Agreed

### **3**<sup>rd</sup> - Determine where price investment is most important



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### **High & Low Risk Categories**



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important to shoppers? Importance vs Satisfaction by Category compared to All Retailer/All Category Average



- 1. The importance of price is still rising and unlikely to fall if grocery inflation continues as predicted
- 2. Price satisfaction will continue to be an issue for categories with less discretionary spend
- 3. Understand your shopper before you decide on the level of investment you need to make on price and promotion



## Want to Learn More?









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