

Nordic Travellers in Airport, In-Flight & Ferry Duty Free Shops

Q1 2023:
FOCUS ON UNIQUENESS,
DIFFERENTIATION
& NOVELTY





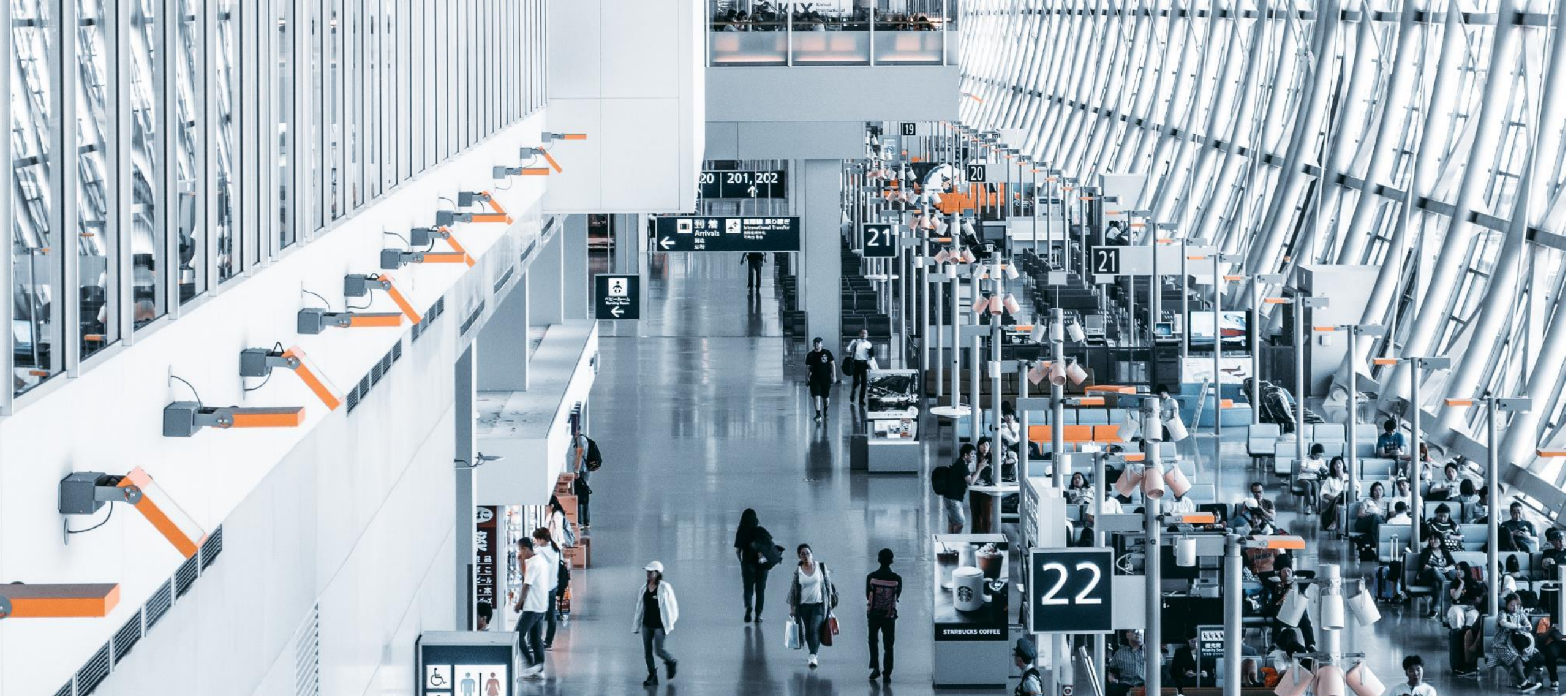
Methodology



- The NTRG has agreed on a partnership with m1nd-set between 2022 and 2025 to provide **exclusive insights of the Nordic Travel Retail market** for **NTRG members**.
- **Every quarter** m1nd-set will deliver a report for NTRG members on **one specific subject** from the survey regarding the Travel Retail & Duty Free shopping behavior.
- The **main focus of this quarter** is on **uniqueness, differentiation** and **novelty**; and seeks to show the impact of such factors on the shoppers' behavior and motivation to visit and purchase from Duty Free stores.

- Data sample size and data collection: N = 1.100 representative interviews with travelers at airports in the Nordics between July 1st and August 31st, 2022.
- The airports where interviews were conducted are:
 - CPH
 - OSL
 - KEF
 - HEL
 - ARN
- The results shown in this report are for the Nordics overall, and not split by airport level.

- Data sample size and data collection: N = 2.000 representative interviews with travelers in the Ferry channel, covering all the main ferry ships and routes between July 1st and September 30th, 2022.
- The following routes were included in this research:
 - Denmark-Germany (N=200)
 - Denmark-Norway (N=300)
 - Denmark-Sweden (N=300)
 - Estonia-Finland (N=350)
 - Finland-Sweden (N=500)
 - Germany-Norway (N=150)
 - Poland-Sweden (N=200)
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Air Traffic Forecast – Nordic Region 2023

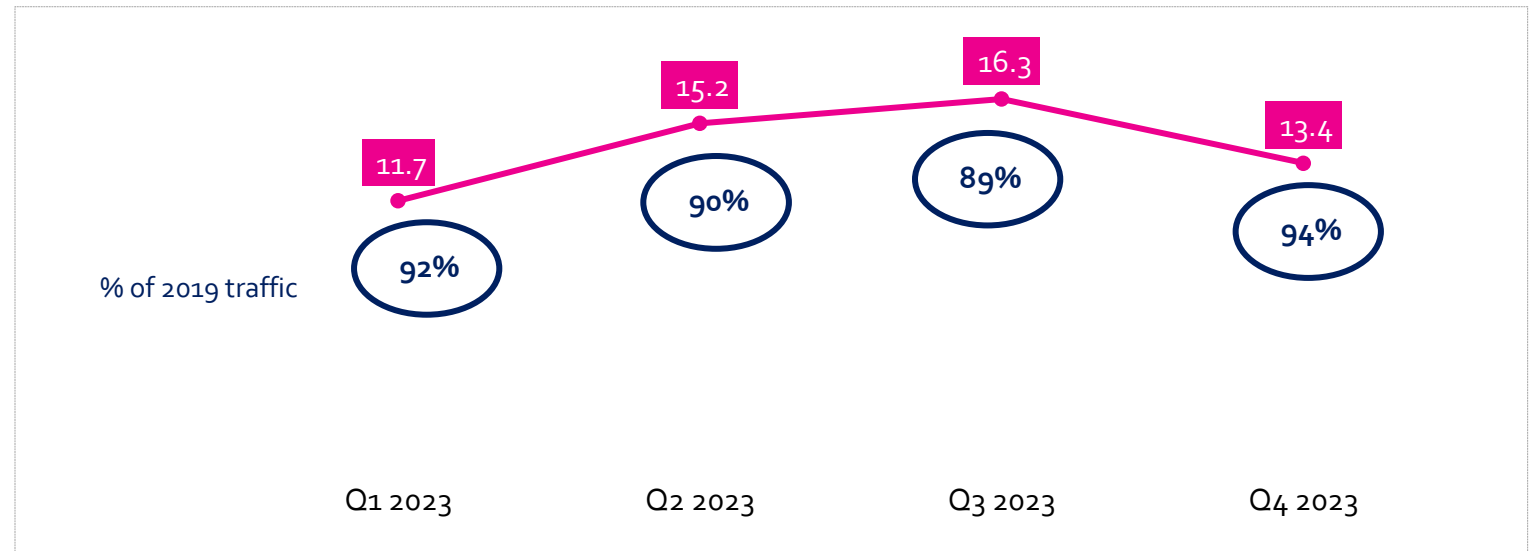
+56M of passengers are forecasted to travel internationally by air in the Nordic Region for the entire year of 2023 – this represents 90% of the traffic in the region in 2019.

AIR TRAFFIC FORECAST 2023 FOR THE NORDIC REGION – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURES IN MILLION PAX

56.4 M

PAX forecasted to travel internationally by air in the Nordic region in 2023

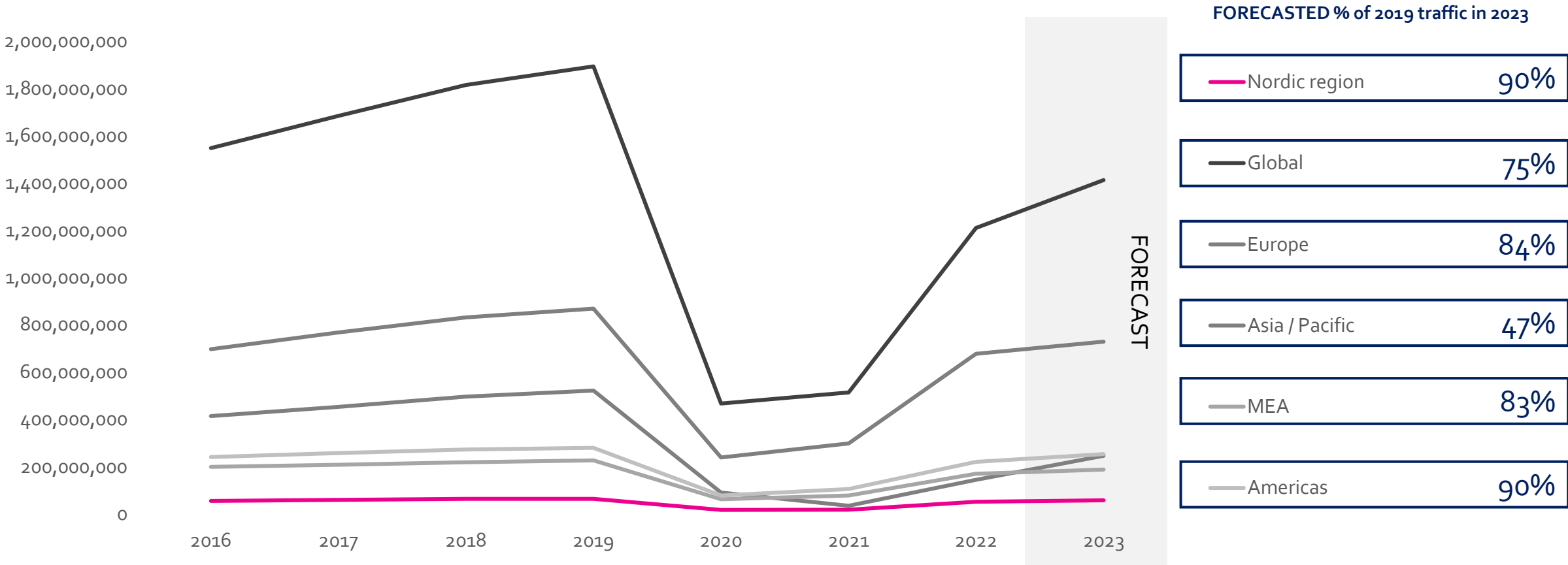
90% of 2019 traffic



The expected recovery of the international air traffic in the Nordic Region in 2023 is above the Global average of 75%, and the European average of 84%.

AIR TRAFFIC RECOVERY GLOBALLY AND BY REGION – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURES IN PAX

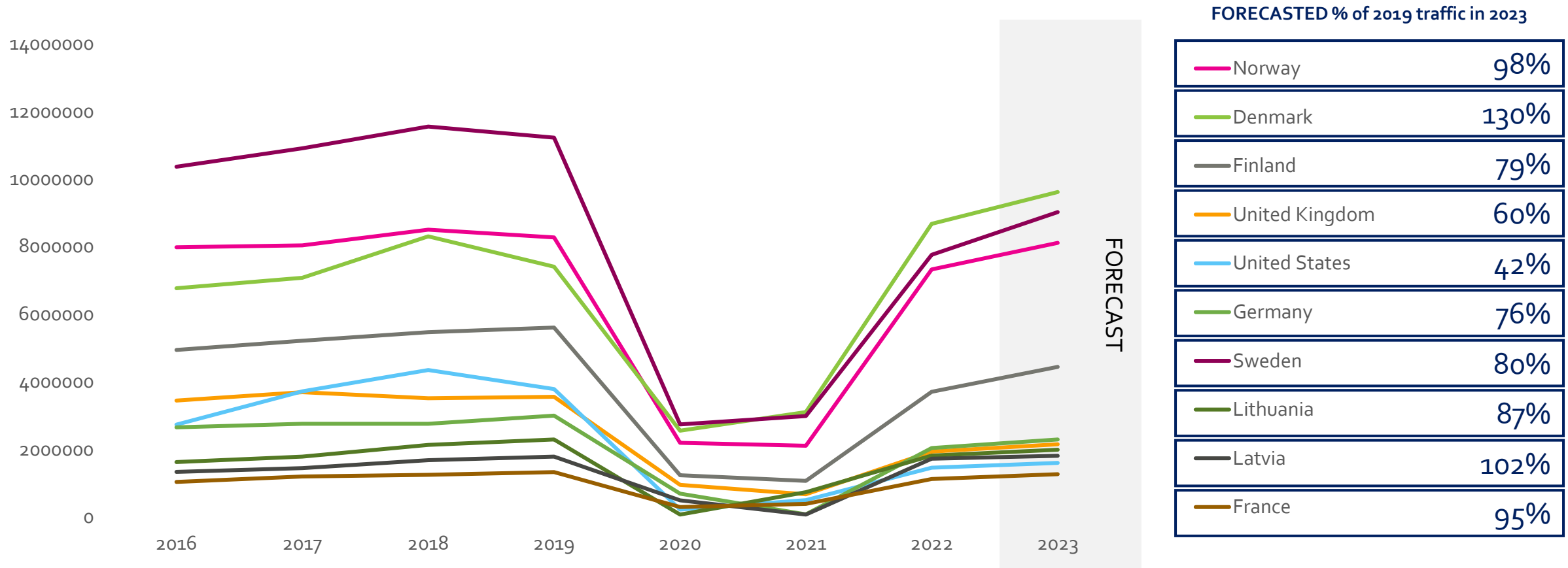
LASTEST MONTH OF HISTORIC DATA: OCTOBER 2022



Danish traffic in the Nordic Region in 2023 is expected to recover at a faster pace, surpassing its 2019 traffic by 30%. Latvian, Norwegian and French traffic is forecasted to reach similar levels as in 2019. The recovery is slower for both Americans and British.

AIR TRAFFIC RECOVERY IN THE NORDIC REGION BY TOP NATIONALITIES – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURES IN PAX

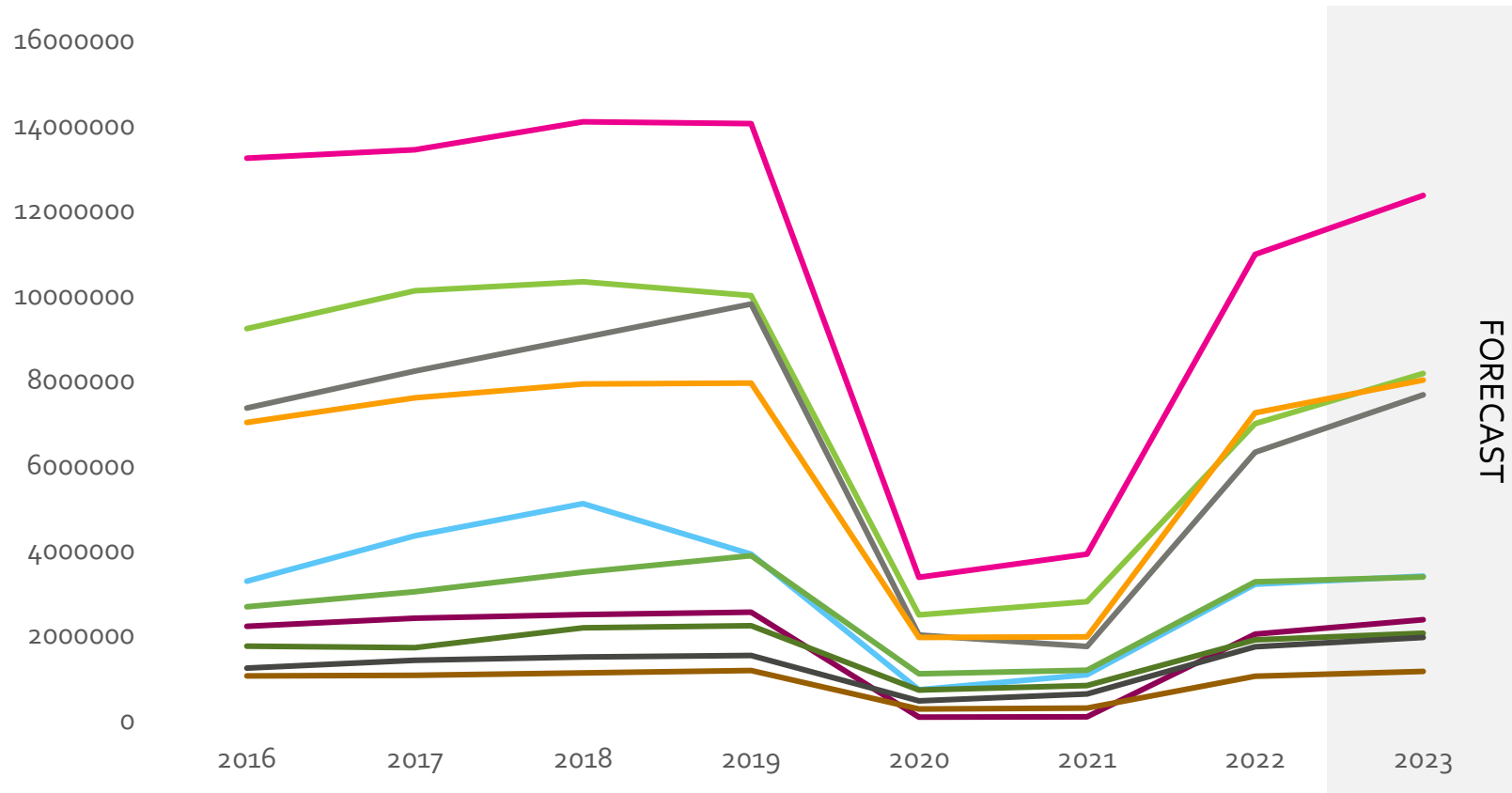
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2023 Traffic at BLL airport is expected to surpass that of 2019 by 28%, whereas OSL and BGO are forecasted to reach similar levels of passengers pre covid-19. On the other hand, the recovery will be slower in HEL and ARN.

AIR TRAFFIC RECOVERY IN THE NORDIC REGION BY TOP AIRPORTS – INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURES IN PAX

LASTEST MONTH OF HISTORIC DATA: OCTOBER 2022



FORECASTED % of 2019 traffic in 2023

CPH - Copenhagen, DK	88%
ARN - Stockholm-Arlanda, SE	82%
HEL - Helsinki, FI	78%
OSL - Oslo, NO	101%
KEF - Reykjavik, IS	87%
RIX - Riga, LV	87%
GOT - Goteborg, SE	93%
VNO - Vilnius, LT	92%
BLL - Billund, DK	128%
BGO - Bergen, NO	98%



Duty Free Appeal Factors



The key appeal factor of the travel retail in the Nordic region is convenience at airports, price advantage at ferries and time to kill in-flight. Uniqueness is important across the three channels, with special / format sizes as well as DF exclusives highly expected in Ferries, while products with a local touch standing out in-flight.

REASONS TO CHOOSE THE TRAVEL RETAIL CHANNEL



AIRPORT DF

1 Convenience - 61%

#2 Time to kill / browse around - 56%

#3 Product's authenticity - 15%



#4 Products with a local touch - 15%



#7 Format / sizes which can only be bought DF - 9%



#8 Offer of unique / DF Exclusives - 9%



FERRY DF

1 Price advantage - 41%

#2 Better service - 40%

#3 Wider choice - 36%



#7 Products with a local touch – 22%



#8 Format / sizes which can only be bought DF - 22%



#11 Offer of DF Exclusives - 20%



IN-FLIGHT DF

1 Time to kill - 62%

#2 Price advantage - 48%

#3 Don't go into physical stores - 34%



#5 Products with a local touch – 24%



#10 Format / sizes which can only be bought DF - 14%



#13 Offer of DF Exclusives - 7%

Differentiation and uniqueness tend to be key reasons why senior and business travellers choose to buy at airport and ferry DF shops, while females and millennials are the most prone to prefer the in-flight DF channel for such reasons.

REASONS TO CHOOSE THE TRAVEL RETAIL CHANNEL – DIFFERENCES BY KEY GROUPS



AIRPORT DF



FERRY DF



IN-FLIGHT DF

Significantly higher for:

Format / sizes which can only be bought DF

AIRPORT DF: 9%
FERRY DF: 22%
IN-FLIGHT DF: 14%

Products with a local touch

AIRPORT DF: 15%
FERRY DF: 22%
IN-FLIGHT DF: 24%

Offer of DF Exclusives

AIRPORT DF: 9%
FERRY DF: 20%
IN-FLIGHT DF: 7%

- Alcohol 33%
- Seniors 23%
- Business travellers 20%

- Alcohol 29%
- Confectionery 36%
- Business travellers 28%

- Clothing & Accessory 43%
- Females 36%
- Millennials 50%

- Confectionery 33%
- Males 28%
- Seniors 46%

- Males 30%
- Seniors 41%
- Souvenirs & Gift items 48%

- Clothing & Accessory 43%
- Millennials 50%
- Business travellers 50%

- Alcohol 33%
- Seniors 23%
- Business travellers 39%

- Souvenirs & Gift items 34%
- Confectionery 33%

- Jewelry & Watches 20%
- Females 18%



Uniqueness & Novelty as a Footfall Driver

DF shoppers at airports mainly visit the store looking for promotions or to browse around. On Ferries, price advantage is the main driver to visit. Exclusivity and novelty are also important in both channels, driving around 1 out of 10 visits at airports and 2 out of 10 at ferries.

DRIVERS TO VISIT THE DUTY FREE SHOP



AIRPORT DF

#1 Looking for promotions – 23%

#2 Browse around – 20%

#3 Promotional area – 18%



#11 Looking for the latest new products - 10%



#14 Looking for unique / DF exclusive products - 9%



FERRY DF

#1 Price advantage – 30%

#2 Safer environment – 24%

#3 Specific purchase in mind – 21%



#8 Looking for the latest new products - 20%



#13 Looking for unique / DF exclusive products - 19%

Millennials are the most interested in finding the latest new products in both channels, while seniors tend to visit driven by the offer of DF exclusives at ferries. Business travellers tend to have high expectations regarding both the offer of DF exclusives and of new products in ferry DF shops.

DRIVERS TO VISIT THE DUTY FREE SHOP



AIRPORT DF



FERRY DF

Looking for the latest new products

AIRPORT DF: 10%
FERRY DF: 20%



Millennials 17%



Skincare 27%



Jewellery & Watches 17%



Fashion 38%



Souvenirs Gift Items 38%



Business travellers 29%



Millennials 24%

Looking for DF exclusive products

AIRPORT DF: 9%
FERRY DF: 19%



Jewellery & Watches 14%



Confectionery 14%



Seniors 28%



Souvenirs & Gift Items 26%



Business travellers 23%



Satisfaction with the Offer of Unique Products / Services in Duty Free



Satisfaction levels regarding the offer of unique products / services is similar in airport and ferry duty free shops, yet, the assortment of electronic products stands out at airports, whereas souvenirs & gift items are more likely to perform above-average on-board ferries.

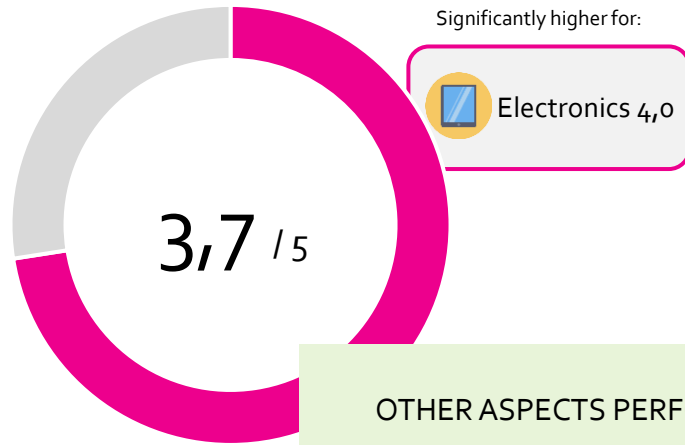
SATISFACTION WITH THE OFFER OF UNIQUE PRODUCTS / SERVICES IN DUTY FREE



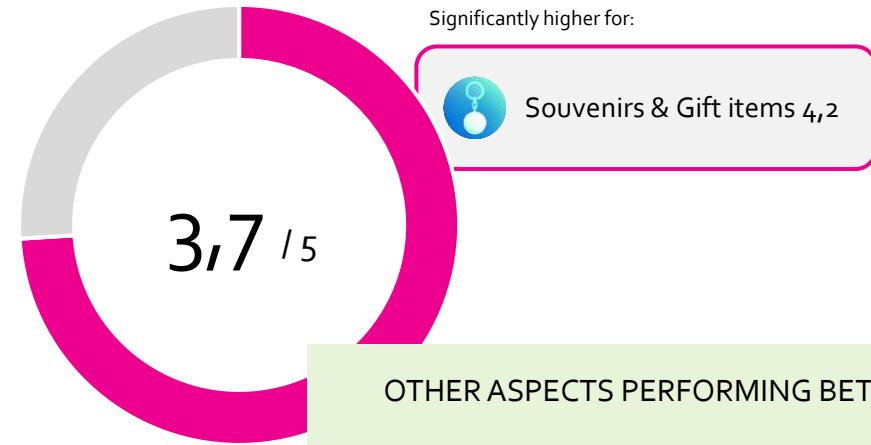
AIRPORT DF



FERRY DF



- OTHER ASPECTS PERFORMING BETTER:
- The service level in Duty Free (3,9/5)
 - Value for money (3,8/5)
 - Variety & range of products (3,8/5)
 - Range of products suitable for gifting (3,8/5)



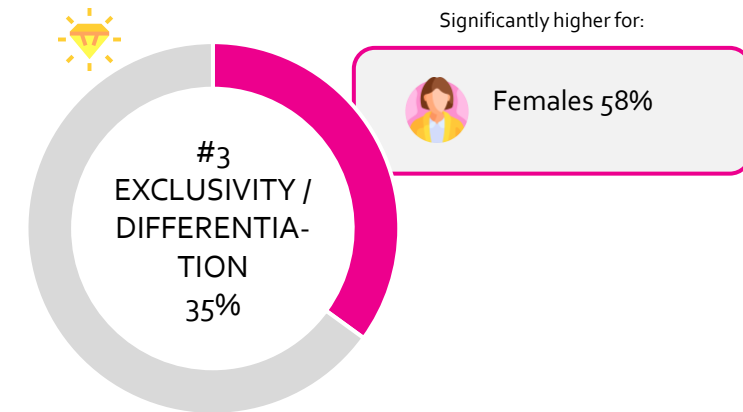
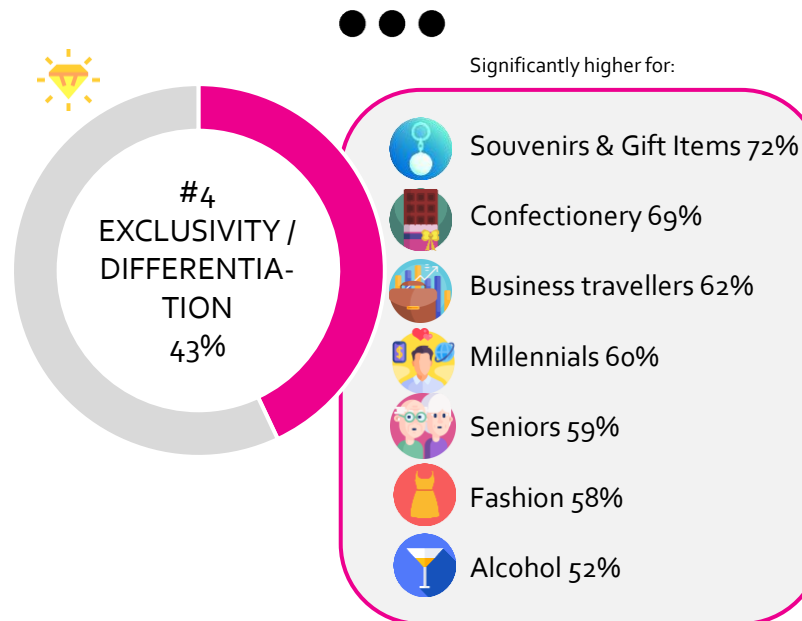
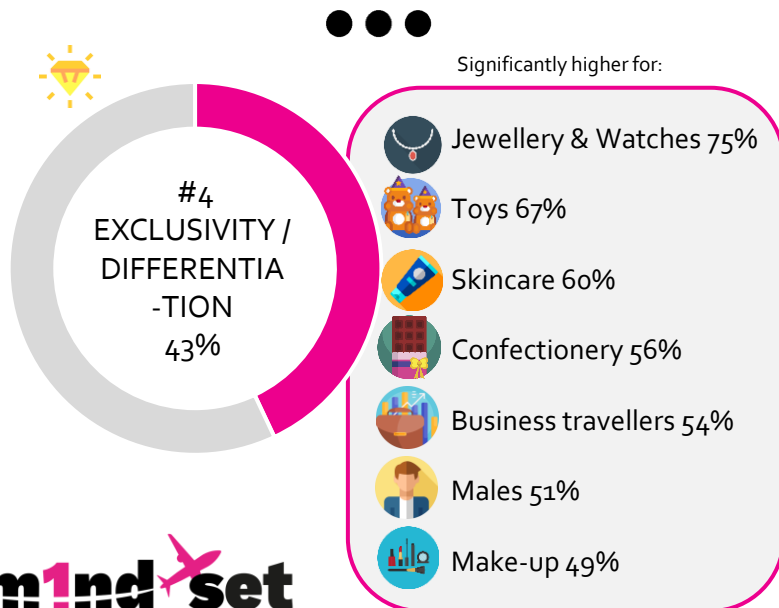
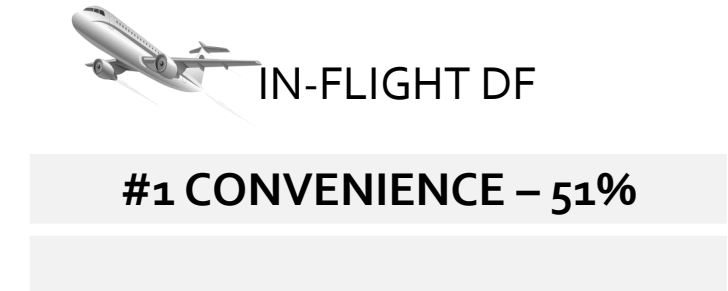
- OTHER ASPECTS PERFORMING BETTER:
- The service level in Duty Free (4,2/5)
 - Variety & range of products (4,0/5)
 - Range of products related to travelling (4,0/5)
 - Value for money (3,9/5)
 - Range of affordable products (3,9/5)



Uniqueness & Novelty as a Purchase Driver

Value is the main purchase driver for buyers in airport and ferry DF stores, whereas convenience factors have the highest influence in the decision-making process of in-flight DF buyers. Aspects related to exclusivity / differentiation are also highly important across the three channels, driving around 4 out of 10 purchases.

GROUPED PURCHASE DRIVERS



When focusing on reasons related to uniqueness / differentiation, the offer of products not sold in their home country stands out as a purchase driver particularly at airports, but is also frequent in-flight. Ferry DF buyers are the most likely to be driven by the offer of special formats / sizes.

INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE DRIVERS RELATED TO EXCLUSIVITY / DIFFERENTIATION



AIRPORT DF



FERRY DF



IN-FLIGHT DF

 #5 PRODUCT UNAVAILABLE AT HOME 22%	 #9 DIFFERENT FROM MY USUAL PRODUCT 18%	 #5 PRODUCT UNAVAILABLE AT HOME 19%
 #12 DIFFERENT FROM MY USUAL PRODUCT 15%	 #13 SPECIAL / DUTY FREE EXCLUSIVE 16%	 #6 DIFFERENT FROM MY USUAL PRODUCT 16%
 #17 SPECIAL FORMAT / SIZE 10%	 #19 SPECIAL FORMAT / SIZE 14%	 #8 SPECIAL / DUTY FREE EXCLUSIVE 16%
 #19 SPECIAL / DUTY FREE EXCLUSIVE 8%	 #21 PRODUCT UNAVAILABLE AT HOME 13%	 #19 SPECIAL FORMAT / SIZE 6%

Business travellers tend to purchase driven by reasons related to uniqueness / differentiation both at airport and ferry DF shops. Females and middle-aged travellers tend to buy driven by these reasons in-flight. Millennials are the most likely to be attracted by DF Exclusives at airports.

INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE DRIVERS RELATED TO EXCLUSIVITY / DIFFERENTIATION – DIFFERENCES BY KEY GROUPS



AIRPORT DF



FERRY DF



IN-FLIGHT DF

Significantly higher for:

Product unavailable at home

AIRPORT DF: 22%
FERRY DF: 13%
IN-FLIGHT DF: 19%



Gen Z 42%



Business travellers 29%



Confectionery 42%



Clothing & Accessory 26%



Souvenirs & gifts 25%



Middle-aged 25%



Clothing & Accessory 23%

Different from my usual product

AIRPORT DF: 15%
FERRY DF: 18%
IN-FLIGHT DF: 16%



Gen Z 29%



Business travellers 23%



Jewelry & Watches 59%



Business travellers 34%



Confectionery 29%



Middle-aged 21%



Jewelry & Watches 40%

Special format/ size

AIRPORT DF: 10%
FERRY DF: 14%
IN-FLIGHT DF: 6%



Skincare 17%



Senior 16%



Business travellers 22%



Confectionery 41%



Females 17%



Perfumes 13%

Special Duty Free Exclusive

AIRPORT DF: 8%
FERRY DF: 16%
IN-FLIGHT DF: 16%



Millennials 16%



Skincare 18%



Make-up 15%



Business travellers 25%



Souvenirs & gifts 35%



Females 42%



Perfumes 25%



Purchases of Unique Products and First Time Buyers

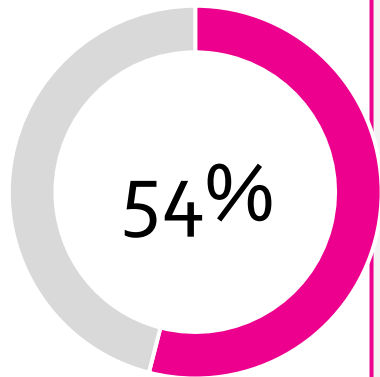
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The share who purchases DF exclusives is significantly higher in ferries. Yet, more than half of DF shoppers purchase products perceived as unique / DF exclusive also at airports and in-flight. Business travellers and males are the most likely to purchase DF exclusives in airports and ferries, females are the most prone to do so in-flight. With regards to age, middle-aged are more prone to buy these products in-flight, while Millennials stand out at airports.

SHARE WHO BOUGHT PRODUCTS PERCEIVED AS UNIQUE / DF EXCLUSIVE



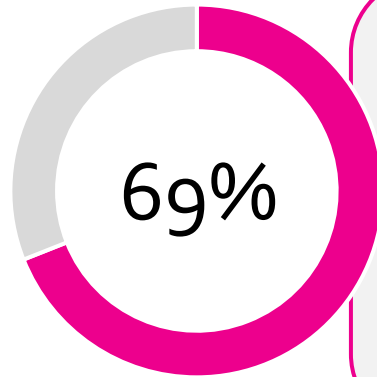
AIRPORT DF



- Jewellery & Watches 94%
- Toys 85%
- Millennials 75%
- Electronics 75%
- Fashion 70%
- Males 68%
- Beauty 66%
- Business travellers 62%
- Alcohol 60%



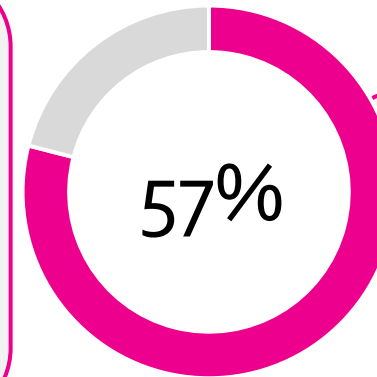
FERRY DF



- Souvenirs & Gift Items 95%
- Fashion 91%
- Electronics 91%
- Toys 90%
- Business travellers 89%
- Males 84%



IN-FLIGHT DF



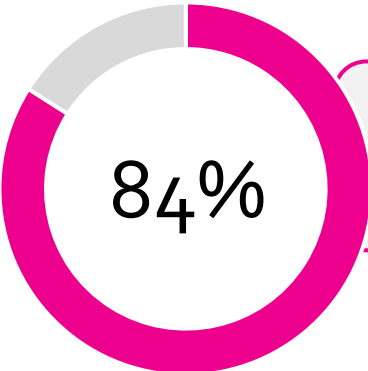
- Middle-aged 65%
- Females 61%

The share of shoppers that buys products never bought before (first time buyers) is the highest at airport DF shops, highlighting a great openness to discover in this channel. Yet, in ferries and to a lesser extent also in-flight, this share is also very high.

SHARE WHO BOUGHT PRODUCTS NEVER BOUGHT BEFORE (FIRST TIME BUYERS)



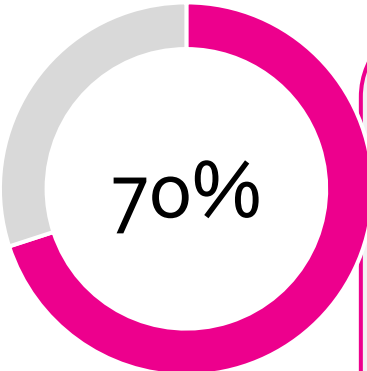
AIRPORT DF



- Souvenirs & Gift Items 95%
- Toys 92%



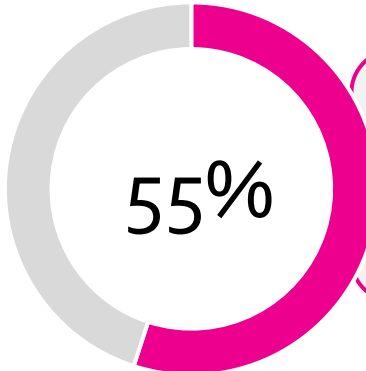
FERRY DF



- Souvenirs & Gift Items 95%
- Toys 92%
- Fashion 88%
- Business travellers 84%
- Confectionery 83%
- Males 74%



IN-FLIGHT DF



- Females 73%
- Millennials 66%
- Business travellers 66%



Lack of Exclusivity as a Footfall Barrier



Airport DF non-visitors prefer to avoid physical stores in general and tend to shop online, whereas Ferry DF non-visitors simply buy elsewhere or are not willing to carry more items. The lack of local / original assortment is also a frequent footfall barrier, especially among leisure travellers (in both channels).

INDIVIDUAL BARRIERS TO VISIT



AIRPORT DF

#1 Avoid store in general – 38%

#2 Shopping Online – 37%

#3 More expensive than home – 34%



#10 Lack of local / original assortment - 27%



Leisure travellers 32%



FERRY DF

#1 Prefer to buy elsewhere – 28%

#2 Unwilling to carry items – 26%

#3 Prefer to do other things – 22%



#4 Lack of local / original assortment - 18%



Gen Z 30%



Millennials 26%



Females 25%



Leisure travellers 21%



Lack of Exclusivity as a Purchase Barrier



When focusing on uniqueness & differentiation, the lack of novelties is the most frequent barrier to purchase at airport DF shops. On the other hand, ferry DF non-buyers are more likely to mention the lack of local experience and of DF Exclusives.

INDIVIDUAL BARRIERS TO PURCHASE



AIRPORT DF

#1 No intention of buying – 24%

#2 Higher prices vs other airports – 20%

#3 Higher prices vs destination – 19%



#8 Lack of novelties	13%
#10 Too similar assortment to products at home	11%
#19 Lack of DF Exclusives	7%
#20 Lack of local experience	7%



FERRY DF

#1 Did not feel safe – 23%

#1 Staff not knowledgeable – 23%

#3 Buy elsewhere – 20%



#17 Too similar assortment to products at home	15%
#20 Lack of local experience	14%
#22 Lack of DF Exclusives	13%
#24 Lack of novelties	12%

Business travellers, especially in Ferry DF shops, are the most sensitive to the lack of uniqueness & differentiation.

TOP BARRIERS TO PURCHASE IN THE DUTY FREE SHOP – DIFFERENCES BY KEY GROUPS

Significantly higher for:

Too similar assortment to products at home
 AIRPORT DF: 11%
 FERRY DF: 15%

Lack of local experience
 AIRPORT DF: 7%
 FERRY DF: 14%

Lack of DF Exclusives
 AIRPORT DF: 7%
 FERRY DF: 13%

Lack of novelties
 AIRPORT DF: 13%
 FERRY DF: 12%



AIRPORT DF

- Confectionery 30%
- Electronics 24%
- Business travellers 19%

- Perfumes 21%
- Skincare 20%

- Perfumes 28%
- Alcohol 17%
- Females 12%

- Electronics 36%
- Confectionery 28%
- Souvenirs & gifts 26%
- Senior 20%



FERRY DF

- Gen Z 26%
- Souvenirs & Gift items 23%
- Business travellers 20%

- Clothing & Accessory 19%
- Business travellers 19%

- Gen Z 26%
- Confectionery 21%
- Business travellers 19%

- Clothing & Accessory 21%
- Gen Z 18%



Key Findings

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- **Air Traffic** is expected to **strongly rebound** in the Nordic region in 2023, more than on a global level
- **Danish** passengers are expected to **outperform 2019 figures**, alongside **BLL airport**
- **Latvian, Norwegian** and **French** traffic is forecasted to reach **similar levels as in 2019**. The recovery will be significantly **slower** for both **Americans** and **British**



- Airport, Ferries and In-flight channels each display their **specific appeal factors**
- While **convenience primes in airport**; DF shoppers like ferries for offering **price advantage** and enjoy the **in-flight** DF channel as a way to **kill time**
- For every channel, aspects linked to **exclusivity** are always mentioned among the **top 10 most important appeal factors**



- More specifically, **the offer of products with a local touch** tend to be perceived as a key advantage of the **in-flight DF channel** (esp. among **millennials** and **business travellers**)
- On the other hand, those travelling by **ferry** are more likely to mention the **special formats / sizes** (esp. for **alcohol** and **confectionery**) as well as the offer of **DF Exclusives** (esp. for **souvenirs** and **confectionery**)



1 out of 10 Duty Free visits are driven by reasons related to **novelty and uniqueness**, more specifically:
10% enter the shop **looking for the latest new products**
9% enter the shop **looking for unique / DF exclusives** – particularly driven by **Millennials**



The **satisfaction of DF shoppers** with the **offer of unique products / services** could be **improved** (3,7 out of 5). Other aspects of the shopping experience display higher ratings such as: the **service level**, the **value for money**, the **variety and range of products** and the **range of products suitable for gifting**



Aspects related to **exclusivity / differentiation** are key in **boosting conversion**: more than **4 out of 10 DF buyers** purchase driven by these reasons. This is particularly high for **business travellers** and **males**



More specifically, airport DF shoppers are highly influenced in their decision-making process by **finding products not sold in their home country** (22%), or **different from their usual** (15%)



The **openness to discover in-store** is very high at airport DF shops, with **more than 8 out of 10 DF buyers purchasing** at least one product **for the first time** (i.e. never bought before). This is particularly high for **souvenirs** and **toys**



More than half purchase products **perceived as unique / DF Exclusive** to airport shopping (54%), especially **millennials, males** and **business travellers**



The **lack of local and original assortment** prevents almost **3 out of 10 DF non-visitors** from going into the airport DF shops. Furthermore, **not finding novelties** or **different assortment to products sold at home** make around **1 out of 10 DF visitors to leave the shop empty-handed**



2 out of 10 Duty Free visits are driven by reasons related to **novelty and uniqueness**, more specifically:
20% enter the shop **looking for the latest new products** – particularly driven by **business travellers**
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The **satisfaction of DF shoppers** with the **offer of unique products / services** could be **improved** (3,7 out of 5). Other aspects of the shopping experience display higher ratings such as: the **service level**, the **variety and range of products overall** and **related to travelling**, the **value for money** and the range of **affordable products**



Aspects related to **exclusivity / differentiation** are key in **boosting conversion**: more than **4 out of 10 DF buyers** purchase driven by these reasons. This is particularly high for **business travellers**



More specifically, ferry DF shoppers are highly influenced in their decision-making process by **finding products different from usual** (18%), **DF exclusives** (16%) and **special formats / sizes** (14%)



The **openness to discover in-store** is very high at ferry DF shops, with **7 out of 10 DF buyers purchasing** at least one product **for the first time** (i.e. never bought before). This is particularly high for **business travellers** and **males**



The share who buys products **perceived as unique / DF Exclusive** to travel retail shopping is also very high (69%) , especially driven by **business travellers** and **males**



The **lack of local and original assortment** prevents almost **2 out of 10 DF non-visitors** from going into the ferry DF shops. Furthermore, not finding **different assortment to products sold at home**, the lack of **local experience**, the lack of **DF Exclusives** and of **novelties** make around **1 out of 10 DF visitors** each to **leave the shop empty-handed**

The In-Flight DF Channel



Aspects related to **exclusivity / differentiation** are key in **boosting conversion in-flight**: almost **4 out of 10 DF buyers** purchase driven by these reasons. This is particularly high for **females**



More specifically, in-flight DF shoppers are highly influenced in their decision-making process by finding **products not sold in their home country** (19%), **different from usual** (16%) and **DF exclusives** (16%)



The share who buys products **perceived as unique / DF Exclusive** to travel retail shopping is quite high (57%) , especially driven by **middle-aged** and **females**



The **openness to discover in-flight** accounts for more than half of buyers (yet, the share is lower compared to physical DF shops). This is driven by **females, millennials** and **business travellers**