OPTIMISING CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IN INDIA & SOUTH EAST ASIA

DELIVERING TO THE NEEDS OF THE CONNECTED MULTI-CHANNEL CONSUMER



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1. Methodology

This paper was written by Fifth Quadrant in collaboration with LogMeIn. The research and analysis contained herein is based on original, independent research undertaken by Fifth Quadrant.

Fifth Quadrant carried out an online survey of 2,538 consumers across India, Malaysia, Singapore and The Philippines in November to December 2015. Consumers were asked about a recent interaction they had with a telecommunications, retail (with an online presence) or IT and computer services organisation in the past 3 months. Specifically the surveys reviewed the importance of customer service in keeping customers loyal, and customers' multi-channel usage, experience and expectations.



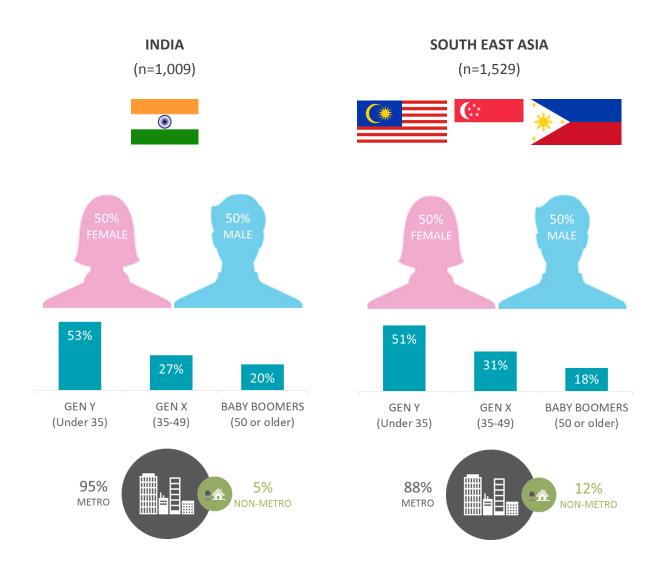
- Sectors interacted with: Telco (62%)
 - Retailers (59%)
 - IT Services (56%)

SOUTH EAST ASIA n=510 Malaysia n=501 Singapore n=518 The Philippines

- Sectors interacted with:
- Telco (71%)
- Retailers (52%)
- IT Services (41%)

2. Respondent Demographics

A robust sample was surveyed consisting primarily of metropolitan consumers with a representative coverage of gender and age brackets.



3. Introduction

In the new era of the consumer, organisations are managing the challenges of delivering a consistent, seamless and personalised experience across multiple channels and devices. Consumers have high expectations of service providers and will switch if an organisation does not meet those expectations.

While organisations understand the importance of customer experience, they face challenges in determining the appropriate channel mix for different query types and delivering a fast and effective resolution across channels.

By understanding the drivers of customer satisfaction and investing in the appropriate resources and technologies, organisations can better service customers and improve loyalty and advocacy.

4. Summary of Findings

- It is critical for organisations to deliver a great experience to consumers as it has a direct impact on future behaviour. Over seven in ten consumers in India and South East Asia claimed to have stopped doing business with an organisation or actively advised family and friends to avoid an organisation following a bad experience. Organisations need to pinpoint the cause of consumer dissatisfaction and make changes to improve retention and recommendation behaviour.
- Consumers typically begin their journey by using online channels to search for information before progressing through other channels to complete their query. Half the consumers surveyed indicated they used an online channel first, followed by a third that used a mobile channel first. Organisations need integrated systems to track the customer's history across channels in order to deliver a seamless experience.
- As the usage of online and mobile channels increases further, organisations must be ready to handle interactions more efficiently and provide faster resolution, as there is currently a high number of interactions required before a query is resolved. A high volume of interactions leads to greater consumer dissatisfaction as the delay to query resolution is extended.
- Online chat is a promising channel for consumer interactions. It can also be used on mobile devices, using links from a mobile application or site, and agents can link consumer web behaviour within a chat interaction so agents are more readily aware of particular behaviours. Agents are able to multi-task providing greater efficiency and better management during busy periods, resulting in faster response times for the time poor consumer.
- Consumers are most frustrated with the time taken to reach the right representative and resolution time. Consumers have seen a lower level of improvement in these issues over the last 12 months. Long hold times and complicated automated service menus continue to irritate consumers who are keen to get fast resolutions to their problems. This explains why many are turning to online channels for their queries, with half of all consumers surveyed using these channels first when they have a query.
- Consumers are willing to share more personal information and connect their devices at home to the Internet as long as it delivers a faster and more effective query resolution, in a personalised and seamless manner. This presents an opportunity for organisations to look into new technologies such as Internet of Things and Remote Support to assist with quicker response times and resolution.

5. Key Research Findings

Poor consumer experiences have a direct impact on loyalty and advocacy

Thanks to the Internet, and particularly social media, consumers are better informed about the products and service capabilities of organisations, both locally and globally. The result is that consumers have more power in choosing which companies they wish to do business with. It is critical for organisations to fully understand the market and customer behaviour, in order to determine which factors drive choice and loyalty for their market and business.

Over seven in ten of the surveyed consumers have stopped doing business with an organisation after a bad experience. But it does not stop here, a similar proportion of consumers have actively advised friends and family to avoid an organisation following a poor experience. This demonstrates the importance of customer service to organisations, with a direct impact seen on consumer loyalty and advocacy.

Organisations need to ensure that consumers are truly getting the service they expect, by understanding them and their channel requirements, and pinpointing the cause of any dissatisfaction, in order to make changes and improve customer retention and positive recommendation.

7 IN 10 CONSUMERS LEAVE AFTER ONE BAD EXPERIENCE

Figure 1

Have you ever stopped doing business with a company following a bad customer experience?

Figure 2

Thinking about your individual experiences, how much do you agree or disagree with: I actively advise my friends/family to avoid businesses that give me poor customer service?



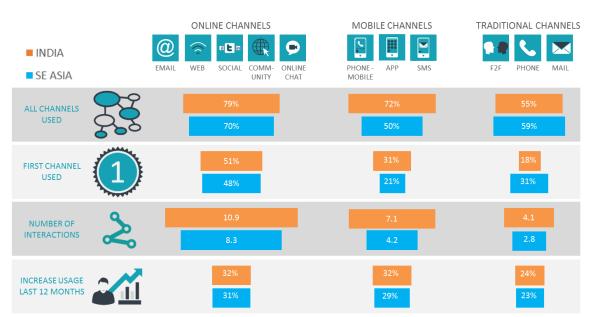


Consumers are increasingly turning to online and mobile channels for answers first

The consumer journey typically begins with either the online or mobile channel first before they progress to other channels. The reasons for first channel choice is the speed of response and convenience to access at home or work, compared to traditional channels.

On average, consumers use three channels to resolve their query. Ideally consumers should find the answer to their question through their channel of choice without the need to switch to alternative channels. Furthermore, the research found that online and mobile channels involve an even greater number of interactions, requiring a higher level of customer effort to resolve queries and potentially impacting customer satisfaction.

Organisations need to focus on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of their channels, especially for online and mobile channels as these are the growth channels indicated by consumers. This can be achieved by ensuring a single complete view of the customer that combines customer information with their interaction history.





Agent accessibility and resolution is the key driver of consumer satisfaction

Overall there is room to improve the level of customer experience in India and South East Asia. One in five consumers in India and one in three consumers in South East Asia experience a low level of satisfaction, particularly with regard to agent accessibility and wait times.

Based on a regression model to determine the key drivers of customer satisfaction, the

research shows that organisations need to focus their efforts on improving the ability for consumers to access a representative that can resolve their query. At the same time, organisations need to deliver an integrated and seamless experience that combines consumer data and history into a single source of truth. As a result, consumers do not need to repeat their personal information or enquiry when interacting across channels.

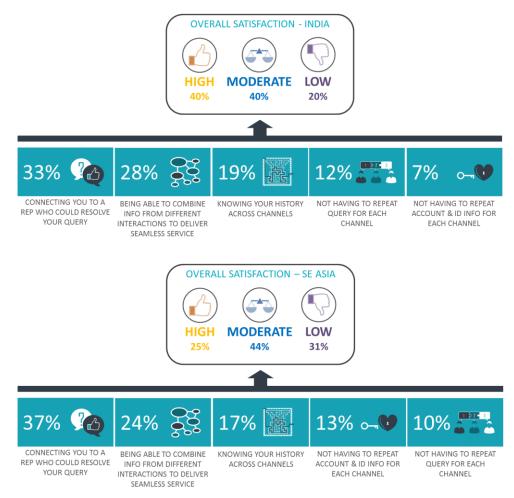


Figure 4 Drivers of Satisfaction

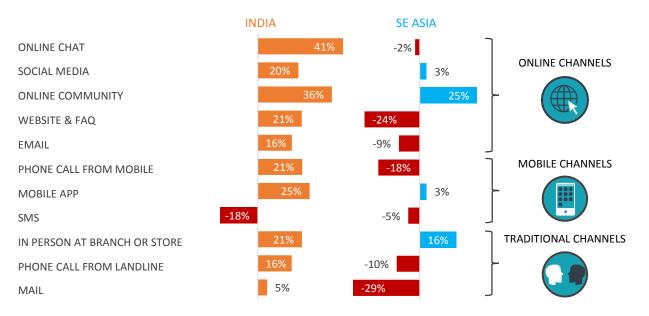
Satisfaction levels vary by channel, with the online channel experiencing the highest levels of satisfaction, especially when consumer begin their journey via an online community, online chat or social media channel.

While these channels have a lower usage compared to other channels, it is evident that those who use these channels do have a good experience. Organisations need to evaluate how these channels fit in with their current channel mix and ensure an integrated seamless experience across all their channels to deliver a quicker query resolution.

JOURNEYS THAT BEGIN ONLINE HAVE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF SATISFACTION

Figure 5

Overall, how satisfied were you with your experience resolving a query with this business? (% Net satisfaction by first channel used)



Wait times and general representative accessibility are the biggest consumer complaints

Consumers indicated that their top two pain points are automated telephony trees and time to reach the representative that can resolve their query.

Consumers are time poor and typically have several service providers, such as their bank, internet provider and utilities providers, among others. Therefore it is difficult for consumers to be on the phone for long periods of time, particularly when they have queries for different providers requiring resolution.

An opportunity exists for organisations to invest in channels such as social media or

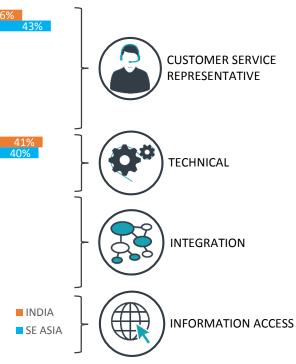
online chat, where consumers can easily access these channels with several service providers, without staying idle and waiting on the one interaction on a traditional channel, or putting up with a frustrating IVR system. This leads to a better experience for the consumer where they can access these channels when it is convenient and appropriate for them to do so.

Similarly, representatives can handle multiple interactions via social media or online chat at once, and contribute to improvements in operational efficiency for the organisation.

Figure 6

What are the top two issues that you experience with customer service?





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Reflecting their current experience with organisations, consumers have low expectations of response times particularly for online chat and phone: around 10 minutes, a number that organisations should look to improve.

Improvements are evident for the email channel, where the 'one business day' response time is no longer standard.

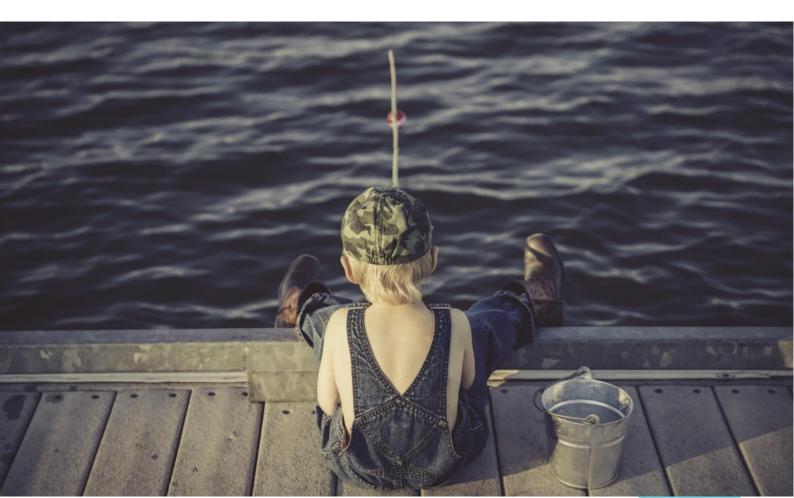
Figure 7 How quickly do you expect a response from the following channels?

Consumers in India and South East Asia now expect a response within 4 or 5 hours respectively.

Organisations need to ensure that these channels are setup with the right technology and processes, and resourced effectively to meet the prompt demands of the consumer.

ON AVERAGE, CONSUMERS EXPECT A RESPONSE WITHIN 10 MINUTES FOR CHAT AND PHONE



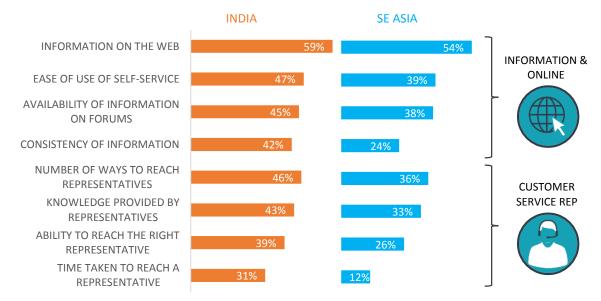


When respondents were asked about how customer service has changed in the last 12 months, the biggest improvements have been in self-service channels and information on the web, reflecting the underlying level of frustration with interactions that involve a customer service representative.

Providing online self-service options for consumers allows for 24x7 access without needing to speak to a representative, allowing consumers the convenience to perform their tasks when and where they want. Organisations however, need to understand that self-service channels are not designed to replace traditional channels. In fact consumers may end up having more interactions with organisations: utilising selfservice for basic enquiries and seeking assistance from a live representative for more complex enquiries. It is therefore critical for organisations to not overlook the representative interaction as this will remain a primary method of contact for consumers.

> *CONSUMERS BELIEVE THAT ACCESS TO AGENTS HAS WORSENED*

Figure 8 How have the following aspects of customer service changed in the last 12 months? (% net improved)



Consumers expect organisations to deliver a personalised & seamless experience in return for providing more personal data

Approximately three in four consumers in India and South East Asia expect organisations to deliver an experience that is personalised and consistent across channels. On a positive note, consumers are willing to assist organisations in delivering to their expectations by sharing more personal information and connecting their devices to the Internet.

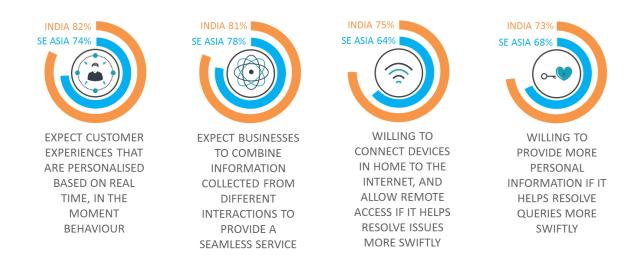
This presents an opportunity for emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things

and Remote Support to help consumers with quicker resolution times.

Remote support removes the need for a technician to be on-site and provides the ability to diagnose problems quicker and more accurately from a remote location. Traditionally remote support applications were for computers and mobile devices. However this is being extended to other devices thanks to mobile video.

THE INTERNET OF THINGS AND REMOTE SUPPORT SHOW POTENTIAL FOR FASTER RESOLUTIONS

Figure 9 Thinking about your individual experiences, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?



6. How to Optimise the Customer Experience

The Fifth Quadrant Customer Experience Model

Our proprietary customer experience model identifies the drivers that determine customer experience outcomes, such as customer satisfaction, advocacy, share of wallet and effort.

This model demonstrates that organisations that deliver a high quality product and service experience that is easy to use and delivers value to the consumer are likely to succeed in the market.

Through the lense of this model, we identify the four key areas that organisations in India and South East Asia need to focus on to optimise the customer experience.

Figure 10 Fifth Quadrant Customer Experience Model

1

UNDERSTAND CONSUMER NEEDS AND BEHAVIOURS TO BUILD TRUST

Organisations need to gain a better understanding of consumer needs, channel preferences and behaviours, in order to build trust and confidence. This can be achieved using a combination of quantitative and qualitative research methods, or simply by talking to customers and listening to their feedback.

The research reveals that consumers in India and South East Asia are increasing their usage of mobile and online channels, and are open to new technologies such as Internet of Things and Remote Support. On one critical condition, consumers expect a fast and effective response and resolution.

DELIVER HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR CONSUMERS

Customer experience should be founded on high quality products and services that are easy to use and deliver value for consumers.

Organisations need to reduce consumer effort by:

- Optimise channels and connect consumers to the channel that is convenient for them and appropriate to their enquiry
- Organise consumer history and information to form a single view of the consumer reducing the need for them to repeat their enquiry or information
- Improve satisfaction levels by implementing a single view of the consumer to enable a seamless experience across channels

3

2

DELIVER A LOW EFFORT EXPERIENCE TO CONSUMERS

Based on the regression model from the research, organisations need to focus their efforts on making it easier and faster to resolve consumer queries.

This can be achieved by combining consumer data and interaction history into a single source of truth to support an integrated and seamless experience for consumers.

By doing so, consumers do not need to repeat their personal information or enquiry when interacting across channels, resulting in a reduced level of effort and a positive customer experience.

4

HIGHLY SATISFIED CONSUMERS RESULTS IN BETTER ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE

Fifth Quadrant's research has proven that the highly satisfied consumers are more likely to be advocates and increase their spend and tenure with an organisation.

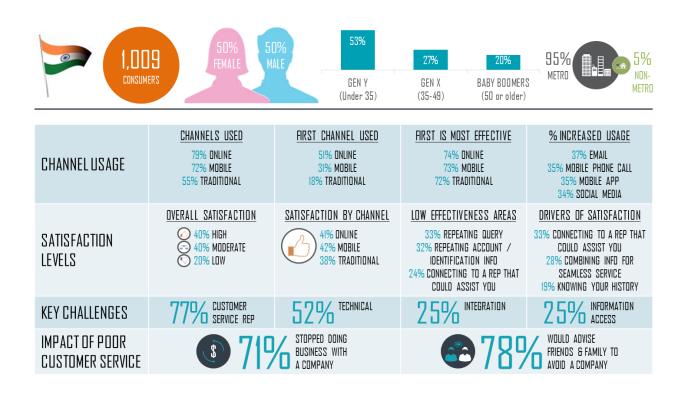
Organisations must focus on retaining and nurturing existing customers, as there are significant costs involved in losing a customer and acquiring new customers.

In today and tomorrow's world it is critical for organisations to focus on the consumer and deliver to their needs and expectations. Organisations must have an enterprise-wide customer experience strategy that delivers higher levels of consumer engagement and superior business performance in particular. revenue generation.

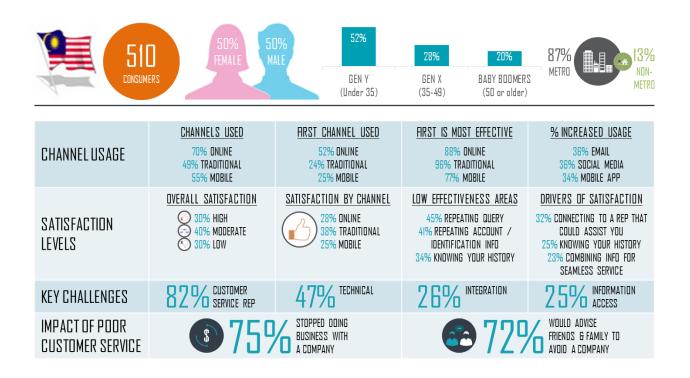
7. Appendix

Country Summaries

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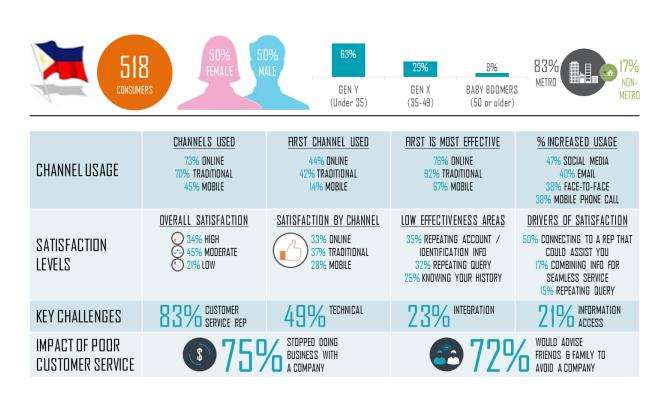
Malaysia



Singapore

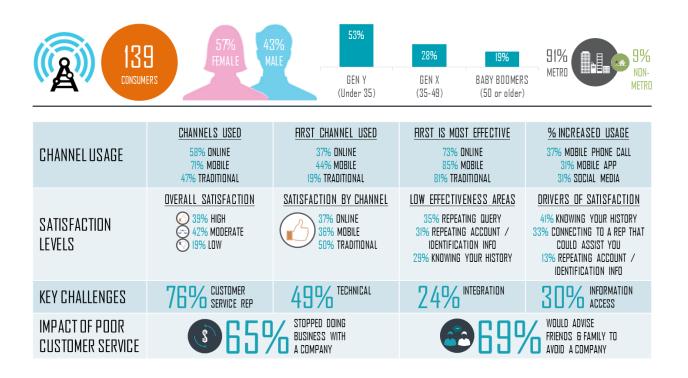
	FEMALE	37% ALE GEN Y (Under 35)	36% 27% GEN X BABY BOOME (35-49) (50 or older)	METRI
CHANNEL USAGE	<u>CHANNELS USED</u> 67% DNLINE 57% TRADITIONAL 49% MOBILE	FIRST CHANNEL USED 47% Online 28% traditional 25% mobile	<u>FIRST IS MOST EFFECTIVE</u> 65% Online 91% traditional 70% Mobile	<u>% Increased usage</u> 34% mobile app 30% email 29% website/faq 27% social media
SATISFACTION Levels	OVERALL SATISFACTION	SATISFACTION BY CHANNEL 11% ONLINE 9% TRADITIONAL 12% MOBILE	LOW EFFECTIVENESS AREAS 51% REPEATING ACCOUNT / Identification info 43% Repeating Query 45% Combining info for Seamless Service	DRIVERS OF SATISFACTION 31% CONNECTING TO A REP THAT COULD ASSIST YOU 28% COMBINING INFO FOR SEAMLESS SERVICE 17% KNOWING YOUR HISTORY
KEY CHALLENGES	SERVICE REP	53% TECHNICAL	26% INTEGRATION	16% INFORMATION ACCESS
IMPACT OF POOR Customer service	③ 789	STOPPED DOING BUSINESS WITH A COMPANY	7 09	WOULD ADVISE FRIENDS & FAMILY TO AVOID A COMPANY

The Philippines

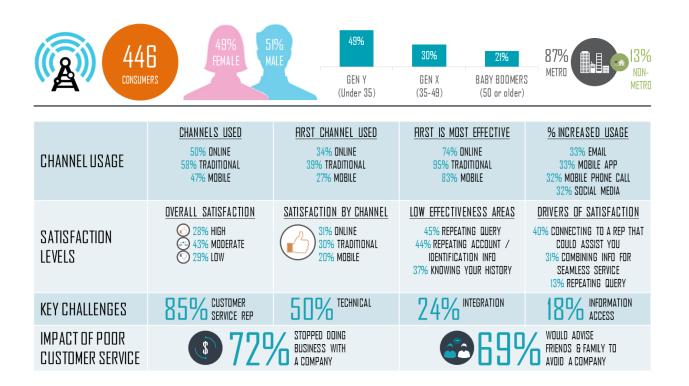


Industry Summaries

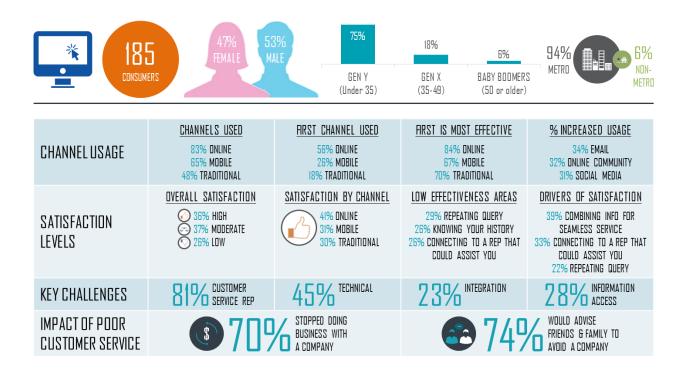
Telecommunications – India



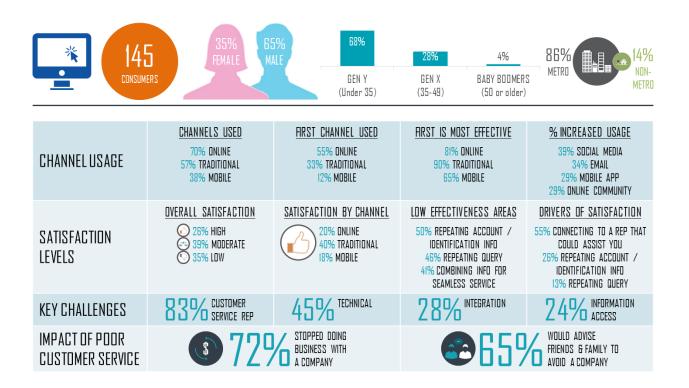
Telecommunications – South East Asia



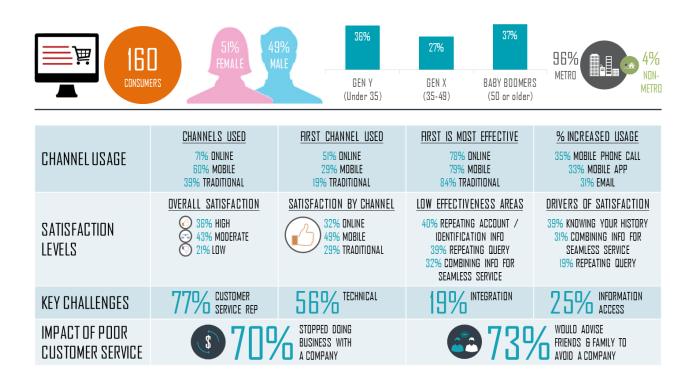
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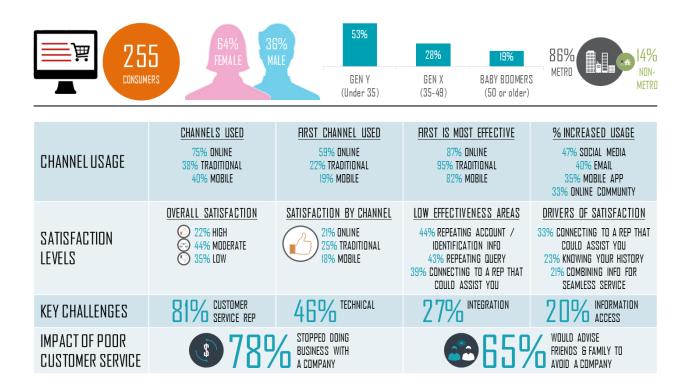
IT & Computer Services – South East Asia



Retailers with an Online Presence – India



Retailers with an Online Presence – South East Asia



Consumer Age Analysis

India

	GEN Y (UNDER 35) 53% N=535	GEN X (35-49) 27% N=270	BABY BODMERS (50 OR OLDER) 20% N=204
CHANNEL USAGE			
CHANNELS USED	82% DNLINE (75% Mobile) 55% traditional	78% ONLINE 74% Mobile 54% traditional	73% Online 60% Mobile 56% traditional
FIRST CHANNEL USED	54% ONLINE 31% Mobile 15% traditional	47% ONLINE 34% Mobile 19% traditional	50% ONLINE 26% Mobile (24% traditional)
FIRST CHANNEL IS MOST EFFECTIVE	72% ONLINE 72% Mobile 66% traditional	73% ONLINE 73% Mobile 70% traditional	80% ONLINE 75% Mobile (83% traditional)
% INCREASED USAGE	35% EMAIL 32% Social Media 30% Mobile APP	41% MOBILE APP 39% SOCIAL MEDIA 38% MOBILE PHONE CALL	47% EMAIL 47% MOBILE PHONE CALL 42% MOBILE APP
KEY CHALLENGES			
TOP TWO ISSUES EXPERIENCED WITH CUSTOMER SERVICE	78% CUSTOMER SERVICE REP 47% TECHNICAL 28% INTEGRATION 28% INFORMATION ACCESS	78% CUSTOMER SERVICE REP 55% TECHNICAL 23% INTEGRATION 20% INFORMATION ACCESS	75% CUSTOMER SERVICE REP 63% TECHNICAL 20% INTEGRATION 24% INFORMATION ACCESS
SATISFACTION LEVELS			
OVERALL SATISFACTION	41% HIGH; 39% MODERATE; 21% LOW	38% HIGH; 44% MODERATE; 18% LOW	44% HIGH: 36% MODERATE; 21% LOW
SATISFACTION BY CHANNEL (% HIGH SATISFACTION)	41% ONLINE 39% Mobile 40% traditional	40% ONLINE 41% Mobile 26% traditional	39% ONLINE 51% MORIF 46% TRADITIONAL
LOW EFFECTIVENESS AREAS	32% REPEATING DUERY 31% REPEATING ACCOUNT / ID INFO 25% KNOWING YOUR HISTORY	31% REPEATING QUERY 29% REPEATING ACCOUNT / ID INFO 22% CONNECTING TO A REP THAT COULD ASSIST YOU	40% REPEATING ACCOUNT / ID INFO 35% REPEATING DUERY 28% COMBINING INFO FOR SEAMLESS SERVICE
DRIVERS OF SATISFACTION	39% CONNECTING TO A REP THAT COULD ASSIST YOU 33% Combining info for seamless Service	27% Combining INFO FOR Seamless Service 27% Repeating Account / ID INFO	40% KNOWING YOUR HISTORY 29% Connecting to a Rep that could Assist you
IMPACT OF POOR CUSTOMER SERVICE			
STOPPED DOING BUSINESS WITH A Company	72%	63%	76%
WOULD ADVISE FRIENDS & FAMILY TO AVOID A COMPANY	79%	77%	81%

South East Asia

	GEN Y (UNDER 35) 51% N=778	GEN X (35-49) 31% N=472	BABY BODMERS (50 DR OLDER) 18% N=279
CHANNEL USAGE			
CHANNELS USED	7 <u>5% Online</u> 54% traditional 52% Mobile	69% online) 60% traditional 49% mobile	59% ONLINE (68% traditional) 43% Mobile
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FIRST CHANNEL IS MOST EFFECTIVE	75% ONLINE 92% traditional 72% mobile	76% ONLINE 90% TRADITIONAL 74% MOBILE	68% ONLINE 96% traditional 70% Mobile
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IMPACT OF POOR CUSTOMER SERVICE			
STOPPED DOING BUSINESS WITH A Company	73%	79%	80%
WOULD ADVISE FRIENDS & FAMILY TO AVOID A COMPANY	70%	72%	(75%)

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