What drives NPS in the eating out market?

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Net Promoter score (NPS)

How likely would you be to recommendNAME... to friends / family? (o = definitely not recommend. 10 = Definitely recommend).



Metric widely used across business



Source: Satmetrix - US Consumer 2018 - 23 sectors, 188 brands, sample size 62,000



Academic support vs other questions for explaining performance *"On average NPS leaders grow twice the rate of competitors"*

Simple – one question, easy to ask, easy to understand, competitor benchmarks

Widely used across all types of business

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16-24 year olds far less likely to recommend



- But recommendation may not be the right language for 16-24 year old in a social media age?
- Maybe "Is the food shareable on Instagram?

Many of the busiest and fastest growing brands have the highest NPS



Best operators in each sub category highlights the variability



Delivery companies* NPS the same as physical site operators

* Delivery companies = Deliveroo, Dominos, Papa Johns, Just Eat, Uber Eat, Pizza Hut Delivery

Analysis of NPS vs sales data for one operator showed a strong relationship



NPS is correlated with Y-o-Y change in revenue with a Pearson coefficient of +0.70, which is very high.

What does this mean?

A 1 percentage point increase in the proportion of promoters would result in an increase of $\pounds 2.6$ million in revenue per year

Be aware of survey effects

Survey with the general population about recent visits

Typical NPS = +20

Survey with customers from the CRM database about recent visit

Typical NPS = +30

Survey with customers sent an email link the following day

Typical NPS = +40

In situ survey straight after the meal with diners

Typical NPS = +60

Guest satisfaction with the experience strongly aligned with staff work satisfaction.

Savanta conducted employee surveys for a number of restaurant chains – site staff and head office.



So what drives high NPS?



In terms of the experience, one factor trumps all others:

Food quality

"Food quality" encompasses food specifics that all correlate in the same direction:

FLAVOUR

QUALITY OF INGREDIENTS



FRESHNESS

Except in coffee shops where quality of coffee / hot drinks is the key driver The implication is to focus on food excellence first: Experience, décor, atmosphere, being trendy, price etc. all follow











Top 4 experience drivers of NPS – by channel

Casual dining

- 1. Food quality
- 2. Generosity of portions
- 3. Price attractiveness of food
- 4. Friendliness of staff

Pubs (restaurants and bars)

- 1. Food quality
- 2. Price attractiveness of food
- 3. Generosity of portions
- 4. Friendliness of staff

Fast Food

- 1. Food quality
- 2. Generosity of portions
- 3. Price attractiveness of food
- 4. Speed of service

Coffee shops

- 1. Quality of coffee/hot drinks
- 2. Price attractiveness of drinks
- 3. Food quality
- 4. Friendliness of staff

Grab n Go Food

- 1. Food quality
- 2. Price attractiveness of food
- 3. Venue how clean and tidy
- 4. Speed of service

Store cafes

- 1. Food quality
- 2. Generosity of portions
- 3. Venue how clean and tidy
- 4. Quality of coffee/hot drinks

Street food taps into the primacy of "Food Quality"

"Delicious" is the no 1 most desirable brand attribute – in all channels

You're 135% more likely to be a Promotor if you describe a place as "Delicious" **Top 5 drivers**







Strong relationship between "delicious" attribute and NPS



Some attributes are drivers, some are characteristics, some are negative



"Delicious" "Trustworthy" "Good value" "Generous" "Exciting"

DRIVERS – BUT LESS IMPORTANT

"Friendly" "Guilty pleasure" "Fresh" "Fun" "Expert" "Premium" "Authentic" "Has character" "Stylish" "Affordable" "Healthy" "Cool" "Homely" THESE ATTRIBUTES ARE NOT DRIVERS OF BEING A PROMOTOR (THEY'RE MORE CHARACTERISTICS)

> "Family" "Local" "Lively" "Different" "Quirky" "Everyday" "Ethical"

ATTRIBUTES LESS LIKELY TO BE A DRIVER OF BEING A PROMOTOR (IN OTHER WORDS THEY'RE ALMOST DISMISSIVE ASSOCIATIONS)

> "New" "Quick" "Convenient"

Promotors are also more likely to say Food quality is a reason for visit

You're 99% more likely to be a Promotor if your reason for visit is for food quality/taste

Good quality / taste		99%
Staff are always friendly		77%
Product freshness	60%	
Specific dishes I like	56%	
Generous portions	46%	
Great coffee / hot drinks	45%	
Wide menu choice	35%	
Food is attractively priced	32%	
Relaxing atmosphere	31%	
Like the meal deals	28%	
Staff are knowledgeable	25%	
Loyalty programme	25%	
Great spirits and cocktails	24%	
Lively, buzzy atmosphere	23%	
Healthy food options	22%	
Fast service	13%	
Drinks are attractively priced	12%	

Other reasons for visit are more likely to be hygiene factors

- Caters for dietary needs
- You can book online
- Good for children
- Regularly changing menu
- Great soft drinks
- Had a voucher / discount
- Quiet / good place to talk
- Music is just right
- Great wine list
- You can always get a seat

- Absence of children
- Great beers and ciders
- Quick and easy to pay
- Easy to park
- Good for disabled access
- Good opening times
- Near to my home or work
- Good Wi-Fi
- Convenient place to meet
- Near to where I was at the time

More likely to be a Promoter if your last experience was ...

"Romantic meal / date"
"Spend time with my partner"
"Special occasion or celebration"
"Having a treat"
"To eat a specific type of food"
"Part of my regular routine"
"Get together with friends / family"
"To take a break / relax"

No more likely if occasion was more circumstantial or functional (e.g. couldn't be bothered to cook, whilst out shopping, quick refuel, because I had a voucher





Food operators can improve their NPS, and ultimately sales, by a total focus on food quality – freshness, flavour, sourcing, presentation

It needs to be delicious within expectations set by the brand proposition and pricing

Food quality needs to be a positive reason for visiting Aspects such as the "experience", "following food trends", "stylish décor", deals, wine list etc are secondary to this

For coffee shops the same applies E BEST to coffee / hot THIS SIDE O MILAN drink quality

Thank you



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