

Executive summary



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Consumer product companies face a confluence of rapidly evolving technologies, consumer demographic shifts, changing consumer preferences, and economic uncertainty.

These dynamics have the potential to not only undermine historical sources of profitable growth, but also undermine historical sources of competitive advantage and render traditional operating models obsolete. Because no one knows exactly how the marketplace dynamics will eventually play out over the next few years, consumer product companies should be prepared to operate amid uncertainty.

There will also be opportunities for consumer product companies to innovate products and services to better meet the needs and wants of consumers. The development of new channels will also create possibilities to engage with consumers directly and by doing so, develop deeper relationships.

To help prepare for change and uncertainty, we present five potential "undercurrents" that may impact the industry in 2020 and that companies should keep in mind as they try to chart a clear path to 2020 and beyond:

- Undercurrent 1: Unfulfilled economic recovery for core consumer segments.
- Undercurrent 2: Health, wellness and responsibility as the new basis of brand loyalty.
- Undercurrent 3: Pervasive digitisation of the path to purchase.
- Undercurrent 4: Proliferation of customisation and personalisation.
- Undercurrent 5: Continued resource shortages and commodity price volatility.

To help executives plan and act amid these undercurrents, we have developed five 'navigation aids' to help them address these challenges. In this report we build upon the research originally conducted in the US market – see Navigating 2020, published by Deloitte University Press.

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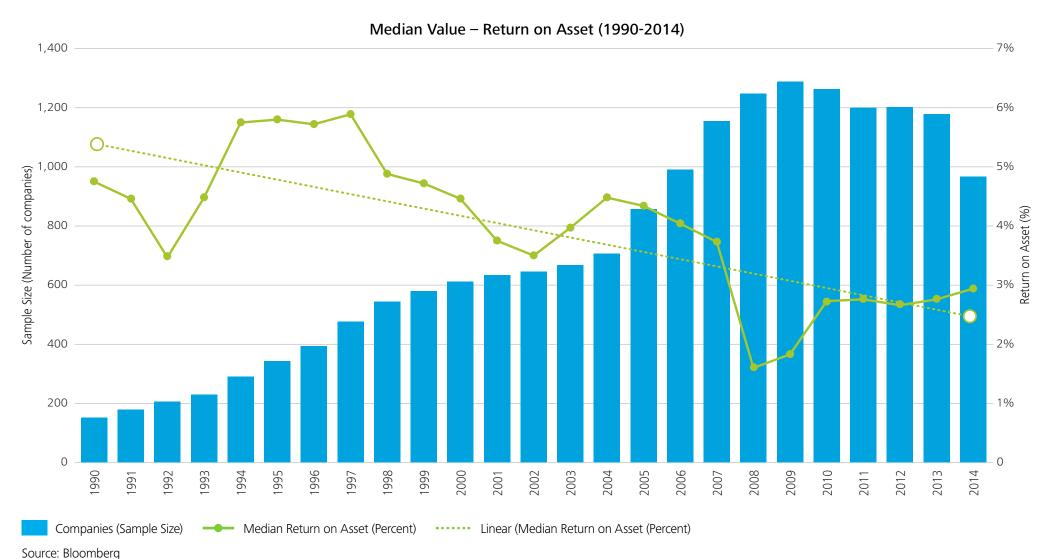
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Rapidly evolving technologies

Economic uncertainty

EMEA Consumer Products (CP) segment heads towards flat profitability, after more than a decade-long decline.



Methodology – The sample size covers consumer products (Food, Beverage, Tobacco, Personal Care, and Household Products) companies domiciled in Europe, Middle East and Africa region with reported Return on Asset values for the given period 1990-2014.

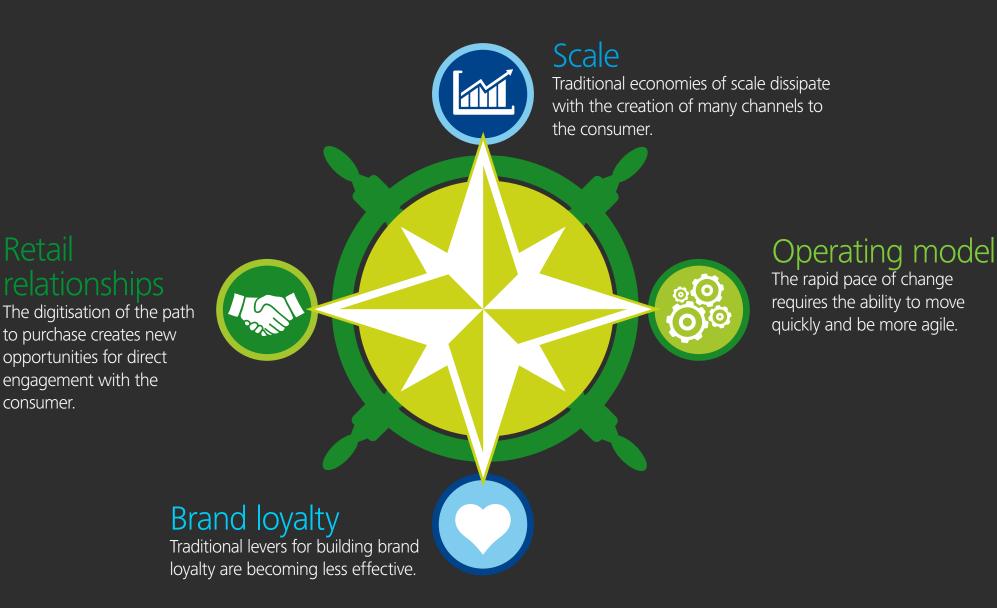
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Traditional sources of competitive advantage are also being undermined

Retail

consumer.

engagement with the



Navigating 2020: adrift in unchartered territory There are five undercurrents that may impact the consumer product industry by 2020



Unfilled global economic recovery for core consumer segments

The economy will likely continue to stagnate, and may give rise to increased income bifurcation, middling level of consumer confidence and a struggling middle class.



Responsibility, wellness and health as the new basis of brand loyalty

Emotional ties to national brands will likely decline due to growing discontent with large companies perceived values, coupled with increased consumer focus on personal health, the environment and social impact.



Pervasive digitisation of the path to purchase

Concurrently new marketing channels to reach consumers, the convergence of sales and marketing environments and the growth of disruptive retail models emerge. Traditional brick-and-mortar business models may be dismantled as consumers fully embrace digital.



Proliferation of customisation and personalisation

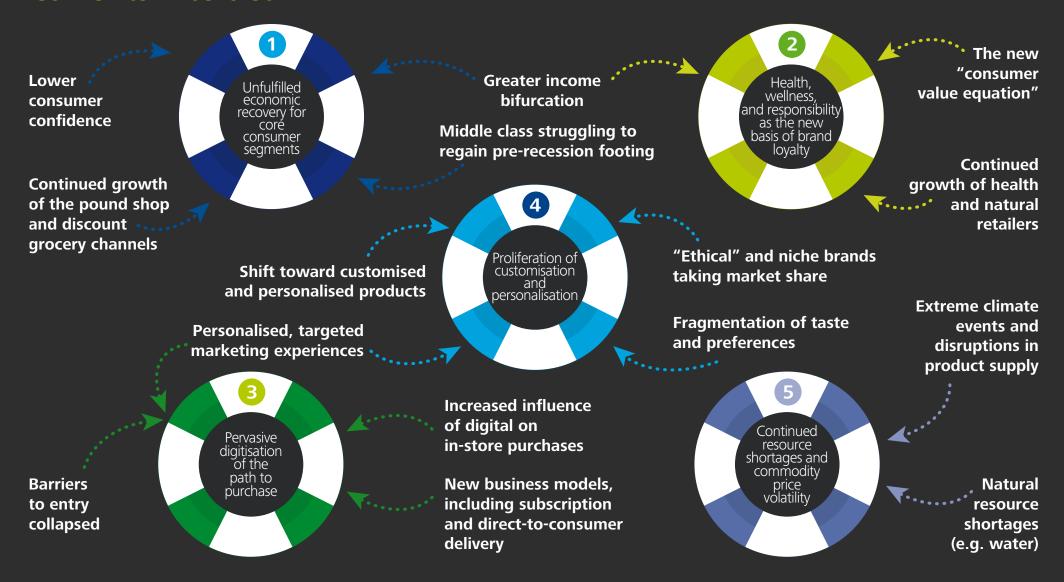
Consumer spending will likely shift toward customised products and experiences across a broad range of consumer products.



Increased resource shortages and commodity price volatility

The cost and cost volatility of key product goods inputs will likely continue to increase.

Navigating 2020: adrift in unchartered territory Rough seas ahead: How do these under currents interact?



Navigating 2020: adrift in unchartered territory For consumer product companies the traditional levers for building loyalty are becoming less and less effective

		Current Environment	Likely future environment	Considerations	
Channels		Mass market grocery with few emerging formats and relatively homogeneous product offerings	Multiple formats, with an element of digital commerce and efficient portfolio deployment	Require greater variety and customisation tailored to channel dynamics	
Pricing		Cost-plus pricing	Value-based pricing and dynamic, personalised promotions	Need to understand and shape consumer willingness to pay	
Promotions		Weekly promotions based on static annual plan	Hourly promotions based on dynamic customer signals	Need for faster and more granular trade promotion management capabilities	
Basis of consumer loyalty	0	Value	Authenticity and value	Consumers' interests and values are key to align offerings, as traditional levers become ineffective	
Product portfolio within brand family		Homogeneous	Broad variety	Shift away from traditional, scale-based sources of volume toward scope-based portfolios	
Innovation focus	0	New products, primarily line extensions	Encompasses product offering, business configuration and customer experience	Innovate on customer experience, channels, delivery, customisation, and revenue models	
Consumer insight capability	2	Manual, self-reported, backward-looking	Real-time, forward-looking, predictive	To develop new sources of consumer insight and new analytical capabilities	
Consumer engagement model	0	One-way, static push communication	Two-way, dynamic collaborative conversation	Discover and develop an end-to-end consumer experience and ongoing consumer relationship	
Brand-building vehicle		Mass advertising	Personalised messaging	Major shift to new, unproven marketing vehicles	
Ecosystem		Consolidated set of large retailers, consumer product manufacturers, and traditional suppliers	Retailers and manufacturers with a complex mix of agile start-ups and digital technologists, broadening customer product ecosystem	Growth depends on effective external relationship management including competitors and varied players	
Manufacturing	0	Long runs of limited stock keeping unit assortment	Flexible short runs with greater variety or customisation	Need to variabilise or reconfigure manufacturing assets	
Distribution		Majority of full pallet shipment volumes through traditional channel partners	Full pallets to retailers, individual units to consumers; sales via subscription and direct-to-consumer	Need to variabilise or reconfigure distribution assets	
Suppliers		Transactional partners; focus on commodity acquisition	Integrated partners managing scarce resources, focus on commodity preservation, agricultural innovation, and social impact	Sourcing shifts from resource procurement to resource preservation	
Talent	iiii	Stable workforce with a mix of high potentials and solid citizens	High-turnover workforce with reliance on scarce, in-demand skills	Incorporate non-traditional employees and new recruitment and retention models	

Five undercurrents: Preparing for the journey



Undercurrent one

Unfulfilled global economic recovery for core consumer segments



Actions to consider

Revisit product portfolio, pricing promotions, and merchandising



73% of UK CFOs think the level of financial and economic uncertainty in UK is above normal to very high. (1)



Over **40%** of online shoppers willing to buy their groceries from a clearance website. (2)



The Deloitte Consumer Tracker indicates **consumer confidence** has improved year on year.⁽⁴⁾



The **rise of the discounters** continues with more than half of UK households shopping at a discount store in 2015⁽⁵⁾ and 7 in 10 expected to visit them for Christmas food shopping.⁽⁶⁾



In October 2015, the International Monetary Fund reported on a Triad of Risks for the global economy: instability and risk of recession in emerging markets and legacy of debt and disharmony in the Eurozone.⁽³⁾

Undercurrent two

Responsibility, wellness and health as the new basis of brand loyalty



Actions to consider

Align offerings and engagement strategies around consumer interests and values



49% of global respondents from the Nielsen health and wellness report 2015 believe they are overweight.

50% are trying to lose weight.⁽⁷⁾



55% consumers globally said they are trying to eat as many vegetables as possible. (8)



The "free-from" foods sector grew 11% in value terms in 2014, and is estimated to expand with a compound annual growth rate of 5% by 2020. (9)



"Consumer demand for simpler labels is driving manufacturers to formulate 'label-friendly' products."

Director of applications, Tate & Lyle (10)



"The consumer goods industry acknowledges its role in the health and wellness of society, the issues around it, and the imperative need for actions."

CEO, Nestlé (11)



By the **end of 2016,** all foods and drinks will display the same nutritional information. Member States can still set additional schemes.⁽¹²⁾



Undercurrent three

Pervasive digitisation of the path to purchase



Actions to consider

Create seamless experiences via technology and collaborations



92% of consumer product executives agree on e-commerce being a strategic channel vs 43% having a clear

digital strategy. (13)



There were 58 million contactless cards in the UK by end of 2014.

319 million payments with a combined

value of £2.3 billion.(16)

Brick vs Click (14)

Growth of brick

United

Union

Kingdom

European

online retail

+16.2%

Growth of

Digital influenced over \$2 trillion of retail sales in the US and over £100 billion in the UK.(15)



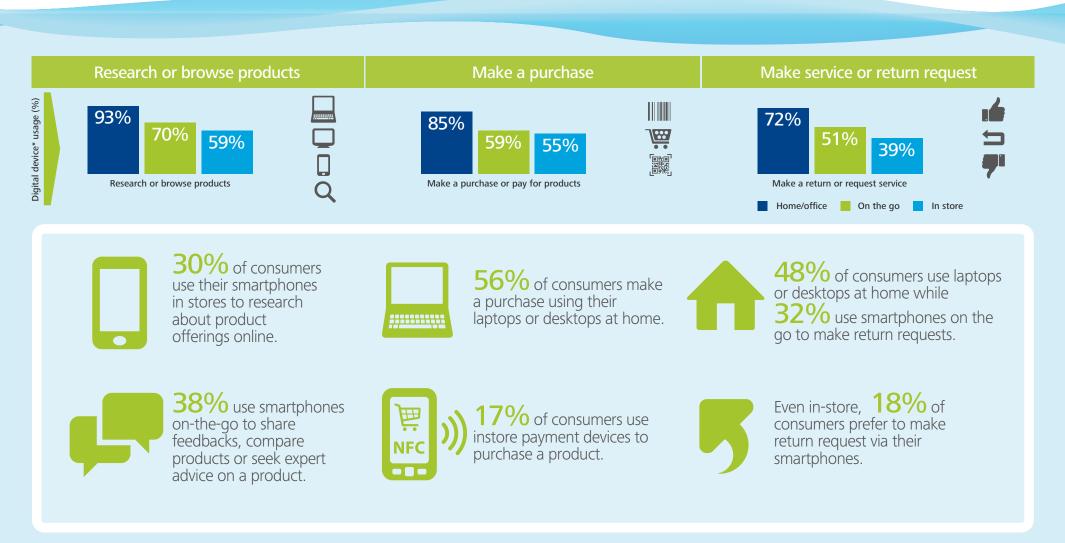
Average 23% of orders in 2015. (17)





29-33% of shoppers are more likely to make a purchase the same day when they use social media to help shop either before or during their trip. (15)

Increasing influence of digital across path to purchase



Undercurrent four

Proliferation of customisation and personalisation



Actions to consider

Develop processes and business model to allow for customisation and consumer interaction



1 in 5 who expressed interest in a personalised products are willing to pay 20% premium. (18)



50% customers think customised products make great gifts. (18)



36% customers show interest in purchasing personalised products. (18)



48% customers are willing to wait longer for a personalised product. (18)



According to Janrain and Harris Interactive, **74%** of online consumers get frustrated when a website's content is irrelevant to their interests. (19)



70% of US and UK consumers said they expect personalised experiences with the brands they interact with. (19)

Undercurrent five

Increased resource shortages and commodity price volatility



Actions to consider

View commodity decisions with resource preservation and social impact in mind



\$70 billion in damages to crops and livestock over the decade (2003-2013) due to climate disasters. (20)



44% increase in frequency of climate disasters against 1994-2000 average levels. (21)



By 2025, **1.8 billion** people will experience absolute water scarcity. **2/3** of the world will be living under water-stressed conditions. (20)



Water crisis ranked

3rd as a concern among
21 global risks. (22)



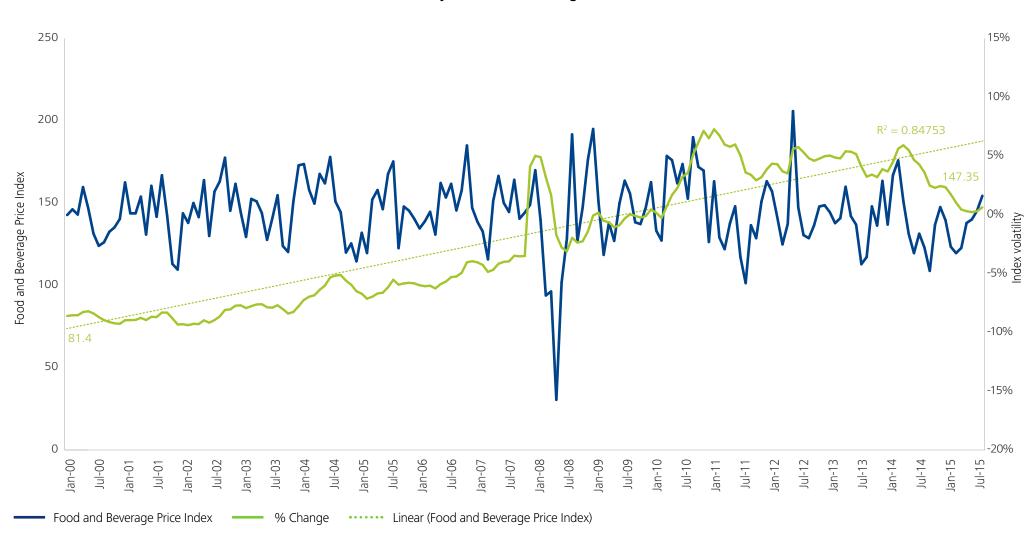
There is **52.5 years** of supply left of proven oil reserves assuming current demand levels continue. (23)



The global population is expected to demand 50% more energy by 2030. (24)

Increased resource shortages and commodity price volatility

Commodity Food and Beverage Price Index



Source: International Monetary Fund

Charting the course: navigating through the storms

The risk for many consumer product companies is that they may be slow in proceeding to address some of the undercurrents, and their approaches may be incomplete. The risk for executives is that they may be unknowingly falling behind incrementally such that by 2020 there could be a vast performance gap.

To help consumers product executives prepare for the change and uncertainty, we have developed five navigation aids that companies should keep in mind as they chart a clear path to 2020 and beyond.



Navigation aid 1: Revisit product portfolio, pricing, promotions, and merchandising. Revisit and reset the product portfolio to meet low-income, middle-class, and affluent customers where they are, not where you wish they were. Use shelf-back pricing, promotions, and merchandising as a strategic lever to meet increasingly divergent consumer price-point needs.



Navigation aid 2: Align offerings and engagement strategies around consumer interests and values. Develop, extend, or elevate brands using both product and non-product innovation to emphasise health, wellness and responsibility. Engage consumers on their terms (using digital, social and mobile) to rebuild trust and loyalty. Build a forward-looking predictive insights capability to reduce blind spots and identify long-term market and consumer shifts.



Navigation aid 3: Create seamless experiences via technology and collaborations. Craft a seamless multi-channel consumer experience across traditional and emerging channels, embracing the digitally enhanced path to purchase. Form partnerships to expand presence, capability, and reach in the new technology-enabled consumer products ecosystem.



Navigation aid 4: View commodity decisions with resource preservation and social impact in mind. Lock in local supply sources of strategic commodities to de-risk operations and form local ecosystems. Extend commodity sourcing from resource procurement to resource preservation and responsibility. Invest in food, agricultural, and resource innovation to change the economics of packaged goods ingredients. Incorporating these navigation aids with the undercurrents may require new ways of working and a higher level of enterprise-wise coordination. It means considering moving from reactive, beyond responsive, to an intuitive enterprise that is continually sensing and shaping markets to redefine the frontiers.



Navigation aid 5: Develop processes and business models to allow for customisation and consumer interaction. Create an innovation engine that allows for the creation of customised products, using consumer experiences and direct consumer feedback as inputs. Reconfigure sales, marketing, and distribution to profitably deliver a greater variety of lower-volume SKUs (stock keeping units) to customers and consumers.



Navigation aid one Revisit product portfolio, pricing, promotion and merchandising





Global middle class estimated to reach more than

4.9 billior by 2030.⁽²⁵⁾



Nivea set up an eight-week long quiz campaign engaging

consumers to a fitness challenge via Facebook, to win feel good prices, and 25% off on Reebok fitness gear for referrals.⁽²⁶⁾



Nestlé reduced its prices by 30% in the ready to drink coffee market in China. (27)



Navigation aid two

Align offerings and engagement strategies around the consumer interests and values







The sales of organic products in UK increased by 4% in 2014. (28)



"Propercorn", the gluten-free flavoured popcorn brand, is stocked in over

6,000 stores including Tesco and Waitrose. (31)



Shoppers spent an extra

£1.4 million a week on organic products and the organic market exceeded £1.8 billion, despite a 1.9% drop in food prices and a 1.1% drop in sales of food and drink overall.⁽²⁸⁾



Nestle's website nestlefamily.com
promotes ethnic
recipes and promotes nutrition and healthy eating habits for all.⁽²⁹⁾



Tito's Handmade Vodka, launched in the UK in 2014, made from 100% COrn, giving it a sweeter, rounder flavour than vodkas made from wheat and potatoes. (30)



Navigation aid three

Create seamless experience via technology and collaborations











use smartphone to research or browse products during the shopping process on the go,

while 34%

make a purchase using their smartphones. (32)





Unilever partners with successful online marketplaces specific to various key geographies.

In 2015, Unilever partnered with online marketplaces like JD.com, Alibaba's Tmall in China, daraz.pk in Pakistan. (34)



Diageo is harnessing the latest use of digital technology and user centred design to create seamless experiences, enabling customers to engage with brands, browse products and place orders 24/7.⁽³⁵⁾



Navigation aid four

Develop processes and business models to allow for customisation and consumer interaction







22% of consumers are happy to share some data in return for a more personalised customer service or product. (18)



Estée Lauder has acquired, Le Labo, a fragrance company that

emphasises

personalised products for its clients. (36)



Ben and Jerry UK, used twitter to extend its television spats

its television spots using the hashtag #MyBenandJerrys and encouraged consumers to tweet their flavour suggestions.(37)



The Pepsi Co's Walker "do us a flavour" campaign (launched in January 2014)

encouraged the public

to submit entries for a brand new, limited edition flavour. (38)



View commodity decisions with resource preservation and social impact in mind





On a scale of zero to 100, 31 out of 37 global companies ranked lower than 50

on water management

plans.(39)



Due to growing concerns of global warming, Coca Cola is phasing out the use of hydroflourocarbons refrigerants in their more than

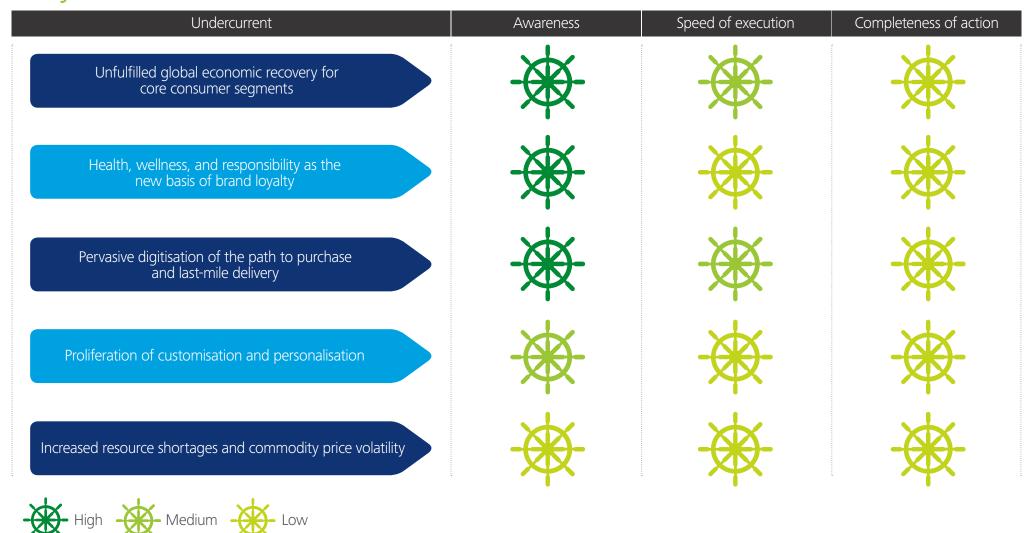
14 million

dispensers vending machines and coolers in the marketplace. (40)



55% of Unilever's agricultural raw material is sustainably sourced in 2014, aimed at reaching 100% by 2020. (41)

In many cases, consumer product executives know what to do but their speed of execution and completeness of action may be insufficient



Charting the course to 2020: all hands on deck

Undercurrent	Drivers	Confidence	Time Horizon
Unfulfilled global economic recovery for core consumer segments	 Low labour market participation rates, high unemployment rates, and low annual household income growth. Cost-conscious lower-income and middle-class consumers driving growth of the pound shop and discount grocery channels. Lower-income and middle-class consumer base primary target for traditional consumer product companies. 	-	1–3 years
Health, wellness, and responsibility as the new basis of brand loyalty	 Consumer skepticism over company values, linking parent company values to individual brands. Increasing importance on lifetime product impact. Store and niche brands capturing higher market shares. Growth of health and natural retailers. Nutritional proposition in packaged foods. 	- \	3–5 years
Pervasive digitisation of the path to purchase and last-mile delivery	 Last mile services in urban and suburban as well as lower price points in rural delivery. New business models like subscription and direct-to-consumer delivery. Growing value of context driven marketing and recommendations. The promotion or delivery of value-added services based on purchase history. 	- \	3–5 years
Proliferation of customisation and personalisation	 Willingness to pay premium for variety and customised products. Fragmenting preferences and tastes based on demographic diversity. New business models embracing product customisation. Advanced manufacturing technologies like 3D printing to enable customisation at lower costs. 	一	1–3 years
Increased resource shortages and commodity price volatility	 Higher exposure to risks driven by extreme climate events or disruptions in product supply. Availability of and access to clean water is a constraint. Pressure on margins due to increased input and product costs. Companies seek more vertical integration. Consumers increasingly concerned with supply chain impact and environmental footprint. 	一	1–3 years







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