

### The Outlook for 2023

How the rising cost of living impacts consumer behaviour

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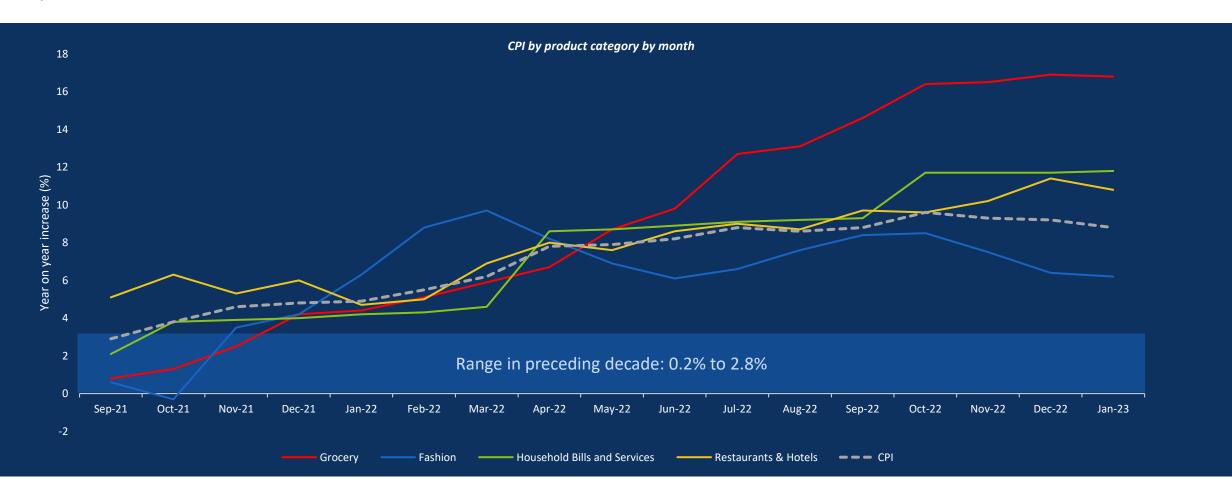






#### The accelerating impact of inflation

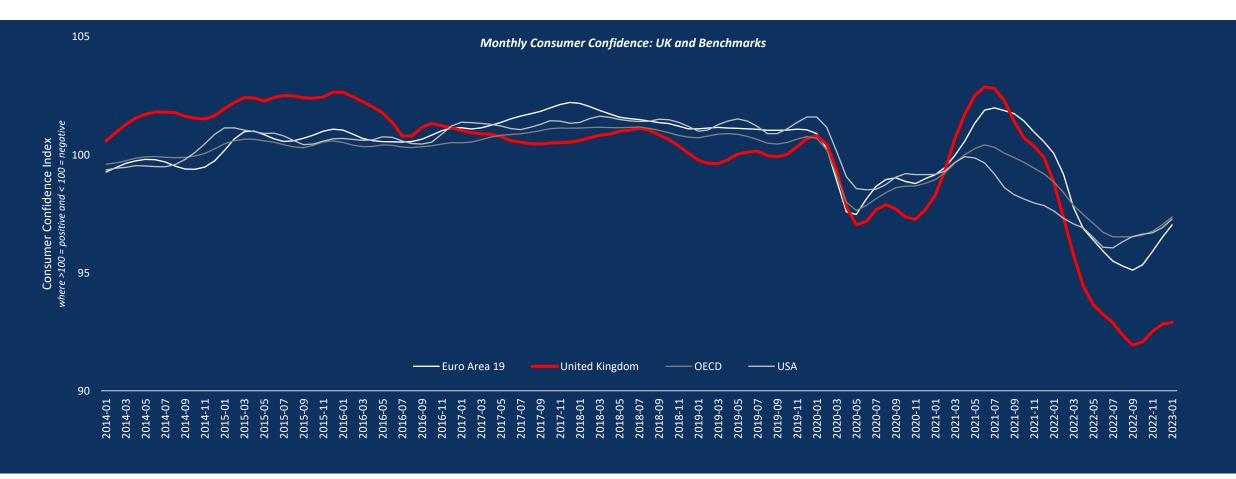
Cost of products has increased every month, outstripping over a decade of stable growth





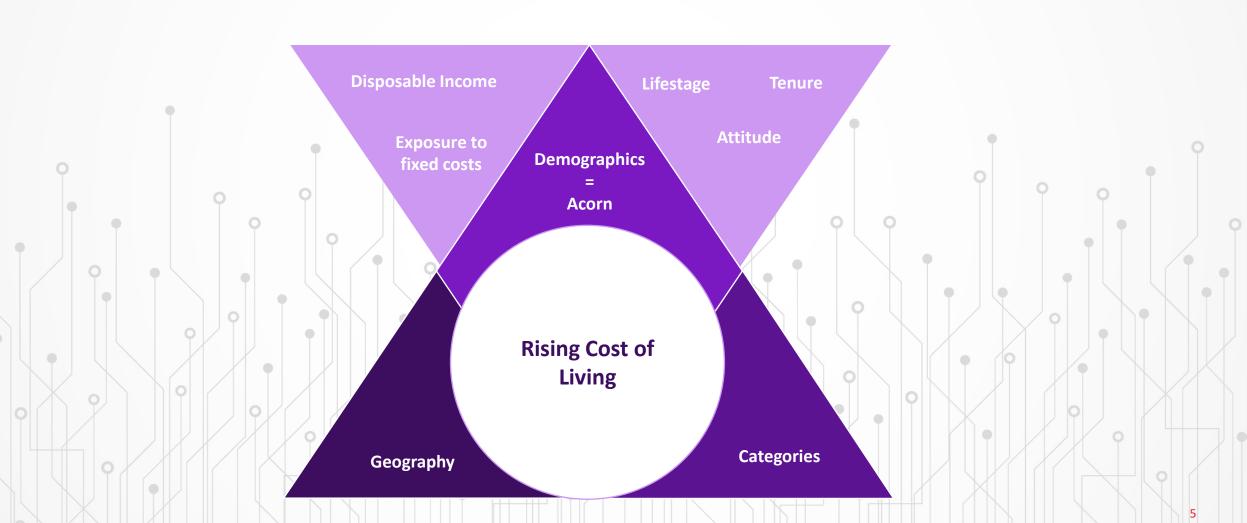
#### A crisis of confidence

The impact of Brexit, Covid and political uncertainty have pushed UK consumer confidence below all benchmarks



#### There is a human impact to the macro economic headlines

Driving the narrative of economics there are millions of personal stories



#### The CACI Cost of Living Toolkit

**CACI Datasets** 

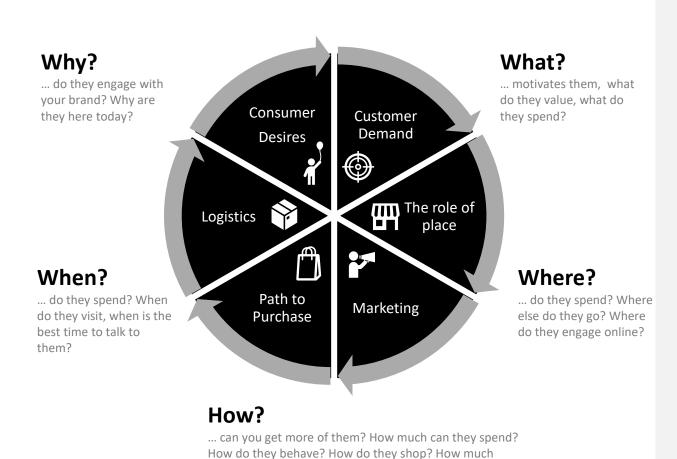
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Demand	Supply	Behaviour	BrandDimensions	SpendDimensions	ShopperDimensions	Consumer Tracker
Acorn	Retail Footprint	Scenario testing	Tracking £4bn of spend	Measuring spend by asset class	1 million+ exit surveys collected in	Quarterly survey of the UK
Paycheck DI	Local Footprint	Ocean	monthly in 300 brands	across the UK to track shifting	250+ shopping centres across the	consumer to understand outloo
Spend Forecasts	Retail Markets Intl	Al Forecasting	by channel	patterns of behaviour	UK	and sentiment

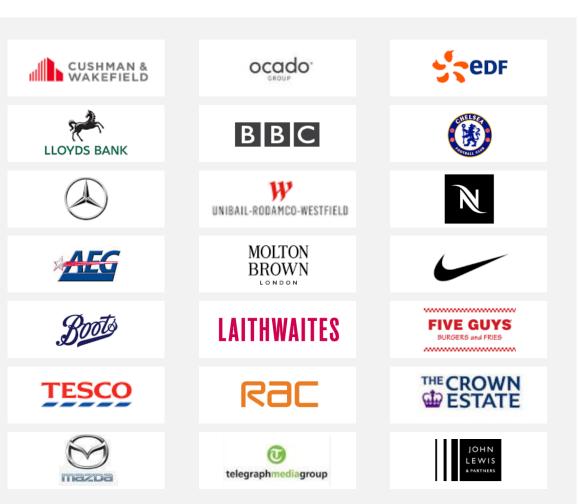
**Debit Card Spend** 

**Customer Insight** 

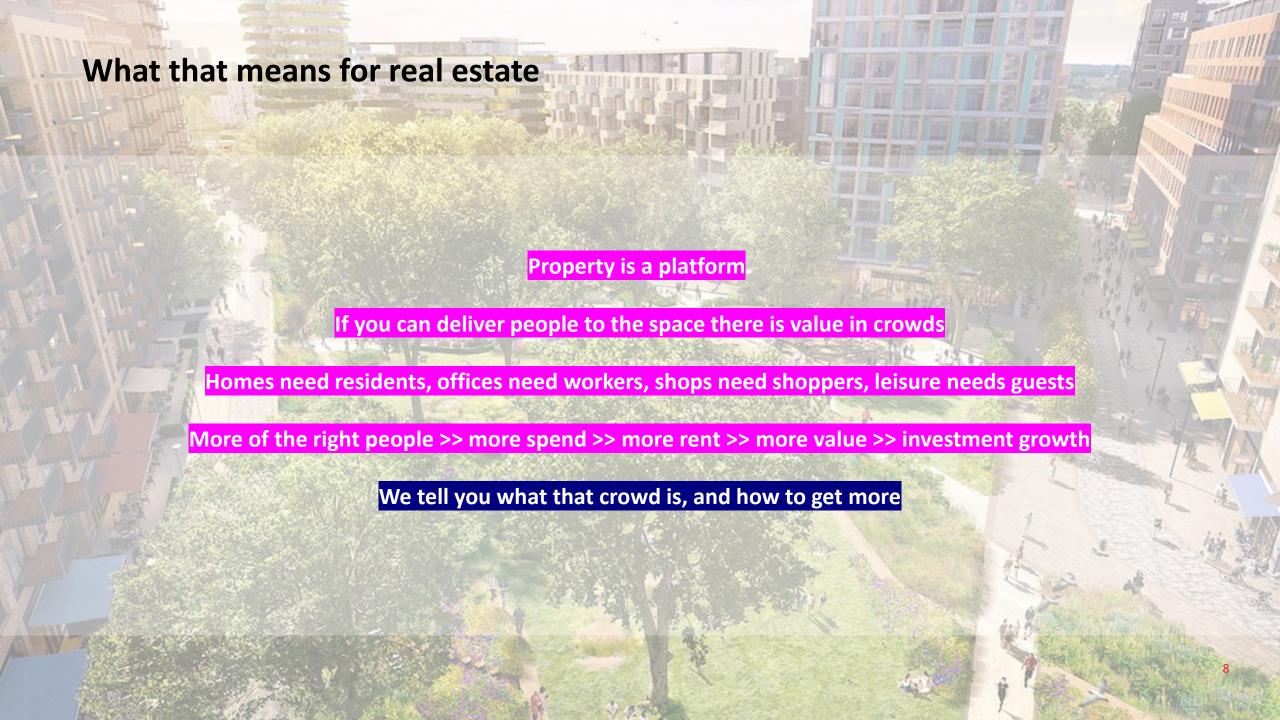
#### We understand people, what they do, and how they do it

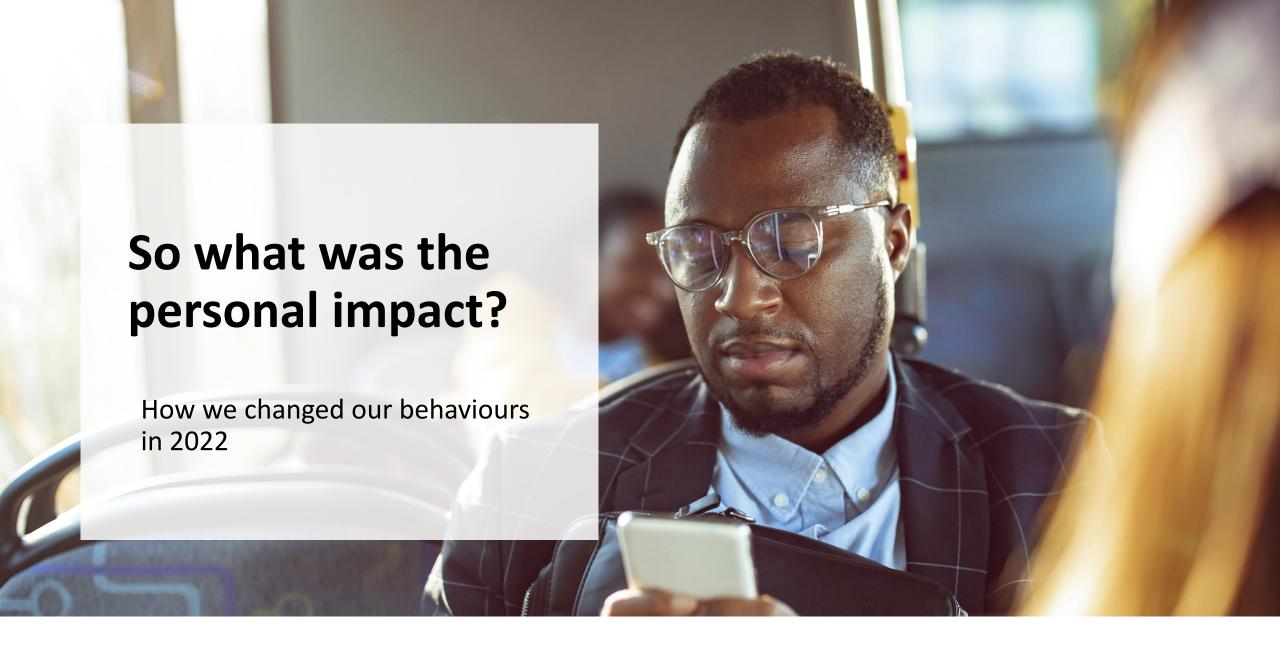


could they be worth?









#### When your world changes, so does your behaviour

In 2022 consumers shifted their behaviours to hold on to what they love, sacrificing volume and quality

- 1. We don't spend more, we change how we spend
- 2. We all traded down in Grocery
- 3. Is this the death of the round?
- 4. We all love a Prix Fixe
- 5. The resilience of bricks & mortar

#### 1. Goods cost more, but we are (trying) not to spend more

Non-discretionary goods are also increasing in cost, as energy, rent, transport grow we try and save money in retail

The cost of goods is rising rapidly, but we are not spending any more, which means that when we go shopping we get less

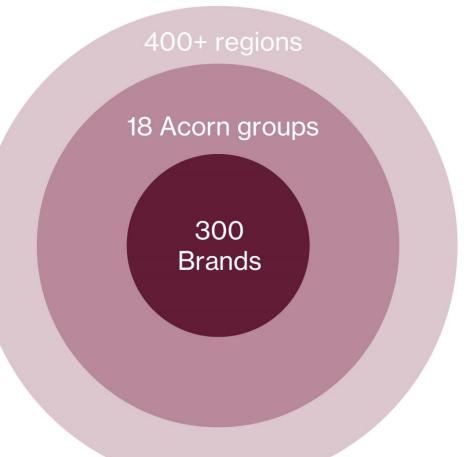




# Brand Dimensions is the pulse of the UK consumer



Sourced direct from consumer debit cards





Market Share



Average Transaction Values



Spend and Transactions over time



Online / Offline share



Regional Performance



Acorn Profiling



Acorn Comparisons and shifts

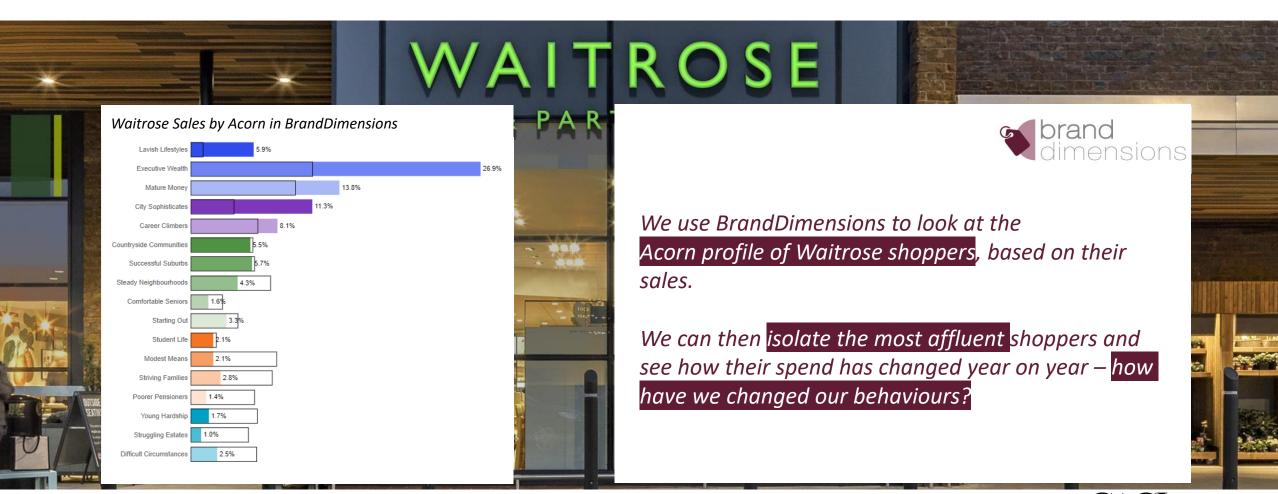






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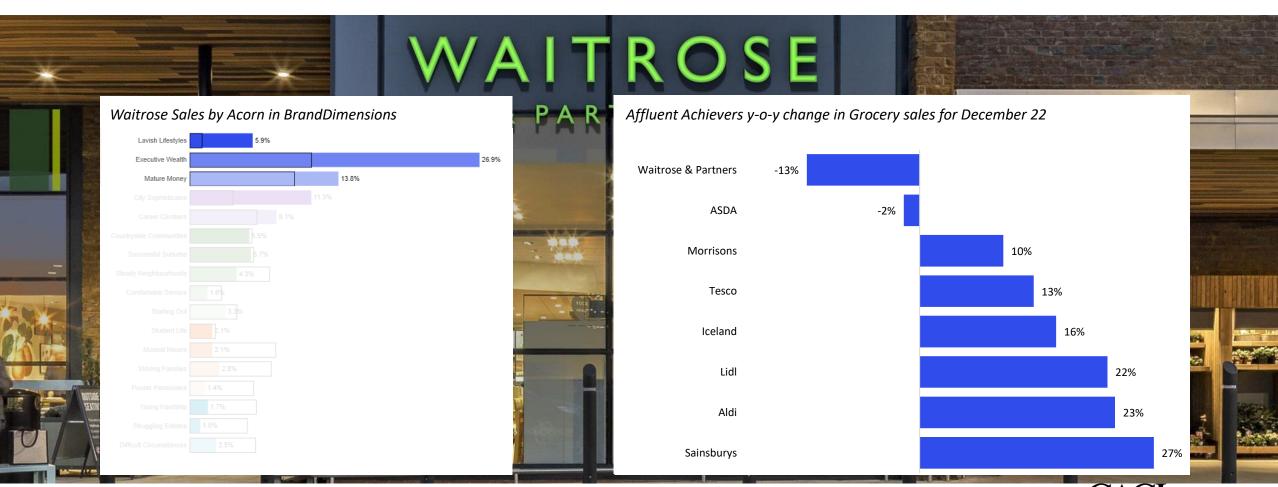
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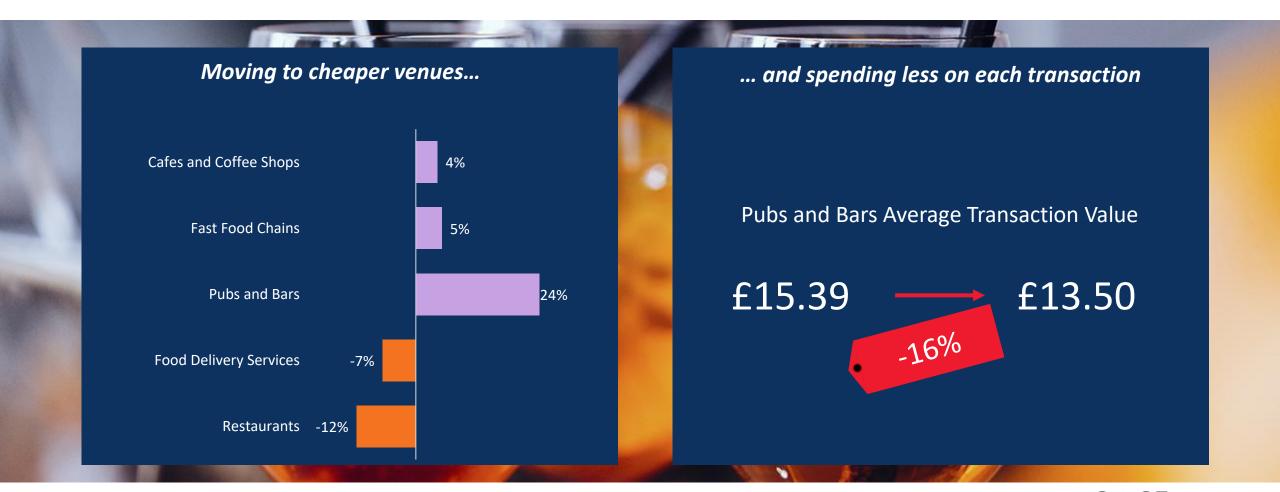
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#### 3. Death of the round?

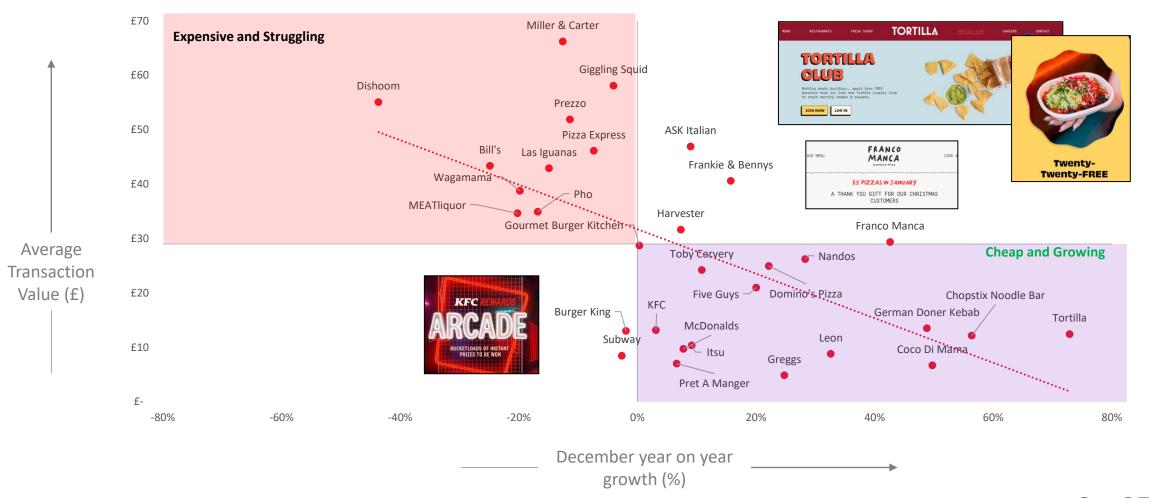
We are looking to control our spending - shifting from restaurants into pubs, and reducing the cost of each round





#### 4. Shift to cheaper eats

We are moving out of more premium restaurants into more value focused, deal driven, fixed –price menus



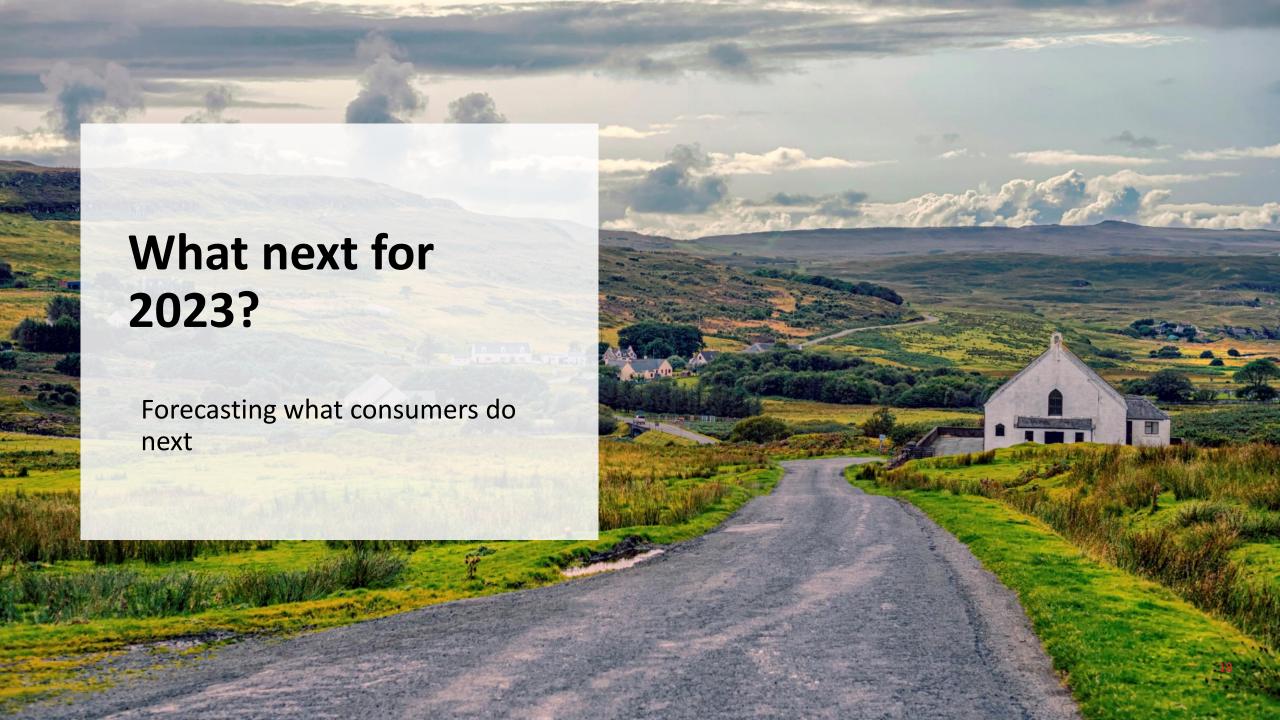






In 2022 we returned to the high street, for work, for shopping and for leisure. Out of town held its own from a high base





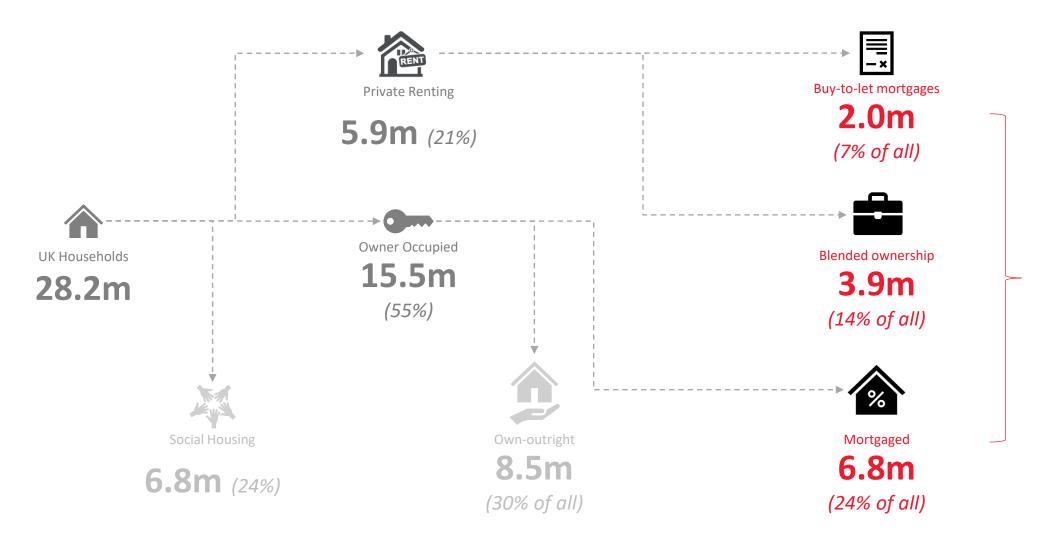
#### There is a path to growth through 2023, but watch out for trip hazards

Falling interest rates will slow price growth, but there are new threats to releasing more disposable income

- 1. What's that coming over the hill? Is it a mortgage?
- 2. We are not all in this together
- 3. Reasons to be cheerful
- **4.** Prediction not Description for the future

#### 1. Close to half the UK's housing costs are exposed to rate changes

Through a combination of re-mortgages and private rent 45% of UK households will likely see increases in 2023

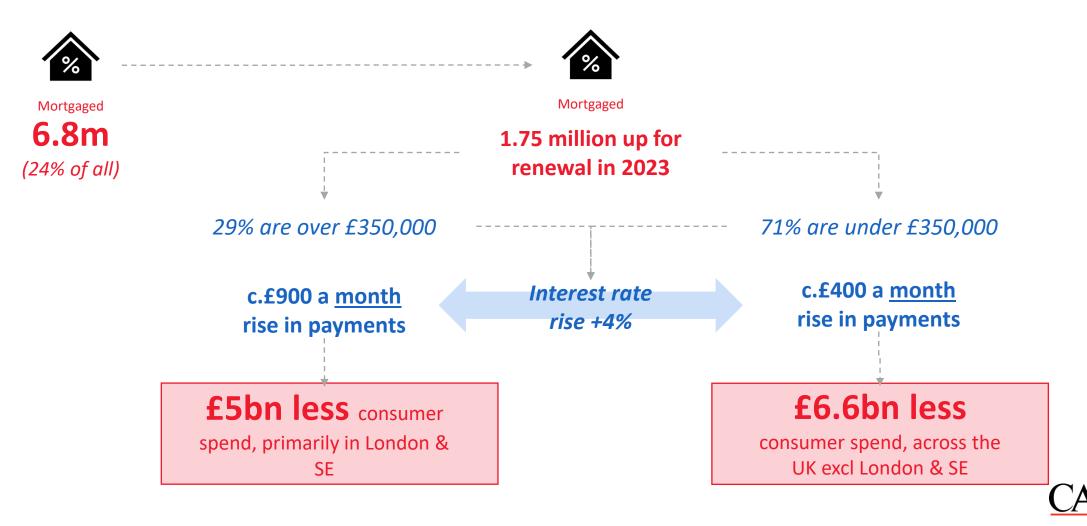






#### 1. There will be at least £11.5bn less discretionary spend in 2023

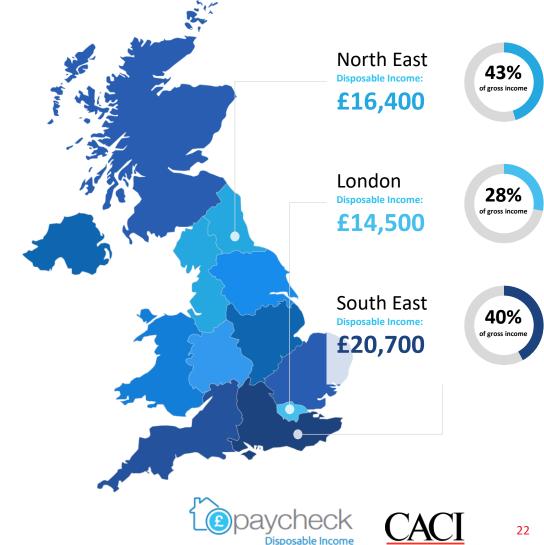
London and the South East will see a far bigger impact, particularly among the more affluent younger shoppers



#### 2. Disposable income is not evenly distributed

Total income is not an adequate measure of spend power, fixed outgoings, especially housing, dictate what's left

Region	Disposable Income	% of Gross Income
Northern Ireland	£18,000	51%
Wales	£17,900	46%
Scotland	£19,300	46%
South West	£20,600	44%
Yorkshire and The Humber	£17,500	43%
North East	£16,400	43%
East Midlands	£18,200	43%
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North West	£16,400	42%
South East	£20,700	40%
East of England	£19,300	39%
London	£14,500	28%



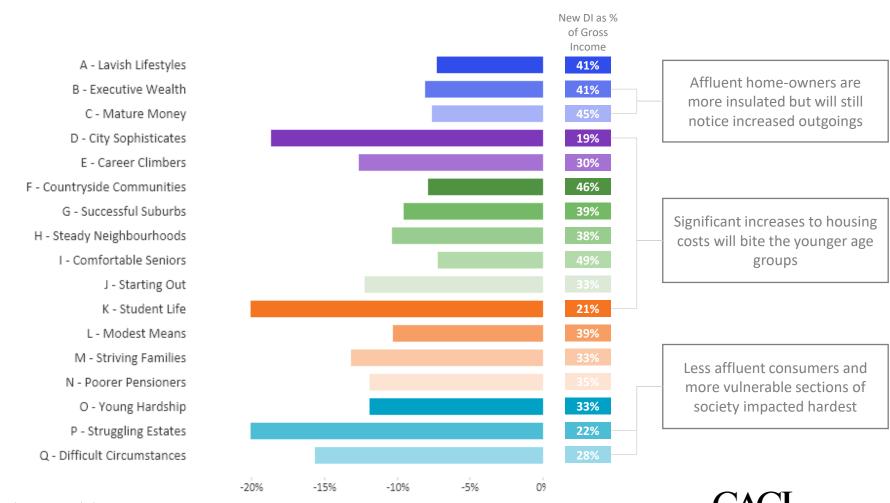
#### 2. Through 2023 the UK disposable income will fall by 10%

The impact will <u>not</u> be evenly spread with renters, the young, and newer home owners most exposed

Large urban areas will see the biggest impacts.

More mature, affluent and middle class areas are more resilient

Accounting for forecast inflation, rising housing costs, energy cap and assumed tax proposals



#### 3. Reasons to be cheerful

The economic outlook has stabilised, inflation is falling and consumers are proving to be resilient

The older, more affluent groups are relatively secure in their economic position.

The young and less affluent are more positive in their hopes future outlook

- 1 40% left with money to spend at the end of each month
- 2 49% will be investing in their personal wellbeing this year
- 33% are willing to pay more for a product if they align with your personal views on sustainability and governance
- Of those 83% are willing to pay more for brand that aligns to your views, despite the rising cost of living
- 2/3 of Brands with more than 60% of their sales in store grew, whilst 4/5 of online dominant brands shrank

#### 4. Untangle your data to focus on 'so what, what next'

The data world today is unprecedented in its depth, but you need clarity of action – predictive, not descriptive



Spend know how much, where and who from

Perception
What do people think of you, are you relevant? Opportunity
Where can you find growth and how?



#### What does this mean for you?

2023 will see consumers re-align to another 'new normal', focus on connecting to them, being part of the community, being relevant and delivering value for money

1

Its not the size of the footfall, its what you do with it

Your customers are shifting their behaviours everyday, you need to maintain share of wallet and engagement

2

#### **Context is everything**

It will likely be a flat to variable outlook for most, in this context what good looks like changes constantly – you need to know where you sit relative to your peers

3

# You are unique, and so are your customers

Understand who they are, what you mean to them and embed yourself in their lives –

be relevant, mean something

## Thank you & Questions



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