

## SEIZE THE MOMENT

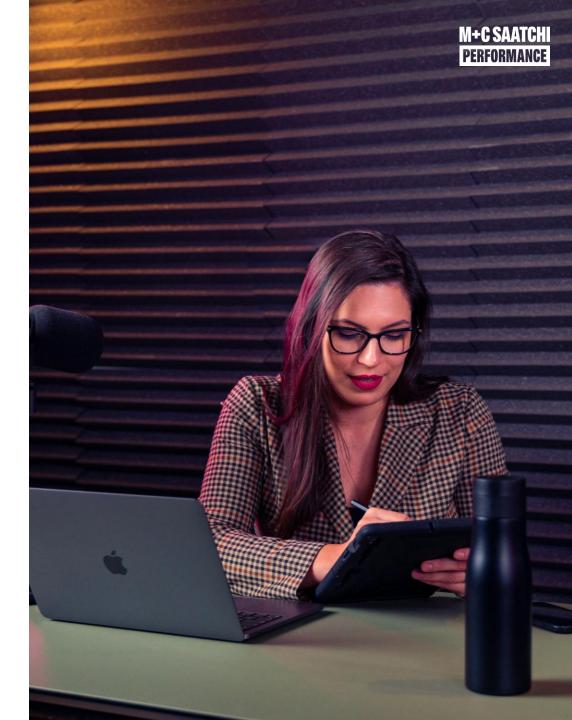
## **Build Your Year End Funnel**





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- Festive behaviors that matter
- Funnel planning, month by month

Agenda

- Creative Strategies
- Measurement
- Budget & channel mix that wins





### Global Festive Calendar

Across markets, festive shoppers begin researching and wish listing at least a month before the main event meaning your warm-up campaigns need to start even earlier.





#### Diwali (India, Oct 20)

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Search starts as early as Aug

Peak Activity: 2-3 weeks ahead

Trending: Multi-touchpoint deal-hunting,

gifting, home décor, large-item buys



#### **BFCM (US/UK, Nov 28)**

Search starts by Oct

Peak Activity: Thanksgiving

Trending: Tech deals, price checks, fast delivery, gift ideas



#### Harbolnas (Indo, Dec 12)

Search starts by end of Nov

Peak Activity: Dec 11-13

Trending: Discounts, free shipping,

brand/model searches, tutorials



#### **Christmas/New Year (Global, Dec 25)**

Search starts by Sep

Peak Activity: Nov to Dec

Trending: Greetings, festive recipes, holiday hours, gifts,

party prep



### Size of the Opportunity

From Diwali in India to Christmas in the UK and BFCM in the US, these global shopping moments drive billions in consumer spending every year presenting massive opportunities for brands to capture attention and sales.



#### Christmas - UK \$112.64 billion USD

The projected total for UK retail sales (online and offline) during the 2024 Christmas season, making the UK the biggest festive spender.



#### Diwali - India \$50.6 billion USD

That's the estimated revenue generated in 2024, making it the highest-grossing festive event of the year.



#### BFCM - US \$30+ billion USD

The forecasted total e-commerce revenue generated across Thanksgiving weekend 2024, including both Black Friday and Cyber Monday.



#### Harbolnas - Indonesia \$2 billion USD

In transactions during the 2024 Harbolnas with local products dominating the sales.





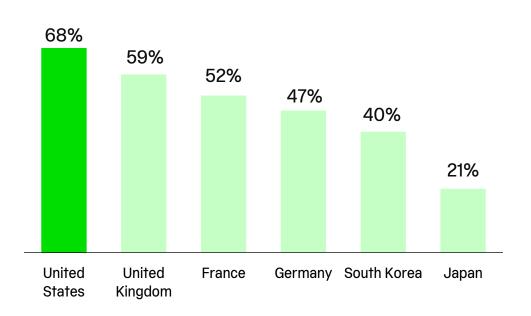
# Factors Connecting Shoppers Across the Globe



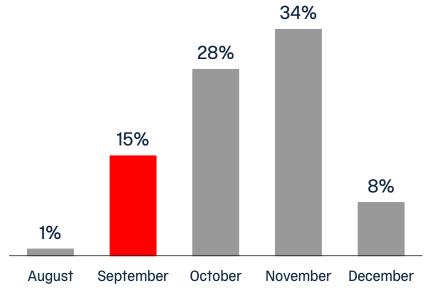


### 1. Shoppers Start Early

Festive readiness often begins months ahead. Shoppers who start early are more deliberate and brands that engage them sooner capture greater share of wallet.



United States shoppers were the most prepared gift-buyers, with nearly 70% sharing that they have already thought about which gifts to get for their loved ones in 2024



Shoppers' festive readiness start as early as September in the US, meaning brands that launch campaigns early can capture intent before the competition.



Source: Statista

### 2. Shoppers Put Value First

While the definition of 'value' shifts across markets from best deals to quality or emotional resonance delivering a clear value proposition remains universal.

**56%** 

Holiday shoppers prioritized **Value** in the US in 2024

In the US, recommendations from family and friends played a key role in purchase decisions. 48%

Holiday shoppers prioritized **Value** in UK in 2024

In the UK, shoppers were drawn to the best deals, low prices, free shipping, and big discounts.

**46%** 

Holiday shoppers prioritized **Value/Budget** in India in 2024

In India, product quality took center stage,





Source: Statista

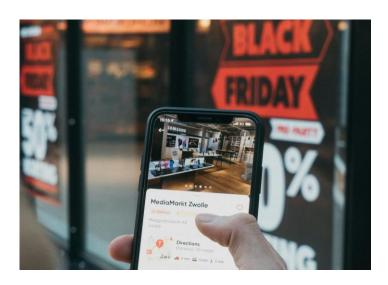


### 3. Trust & Ease Matter

Beyond price, trust, seamless UX, and reliable service drive festive purchases with shoppers willing to spend more for quality when the experience is smooth.



Trust, and good service are top drivers of confidence during festive purchases especially in India.



Simplify and streamline the checkout process as Cart abandonment are high (86% Indonesian apps) often due to bad UX, extra costs, or forced registration.



Consumers in Indian metros, opt for larger, premium items within electronics, reflecting a consumer base that prioritizes quality over quantity.



### 4. They are Highly Digital

Festive shoppers are highly digital and discovery-driven actively engaging on YouTube, TikTok, and live shopping rather than passively browsing.

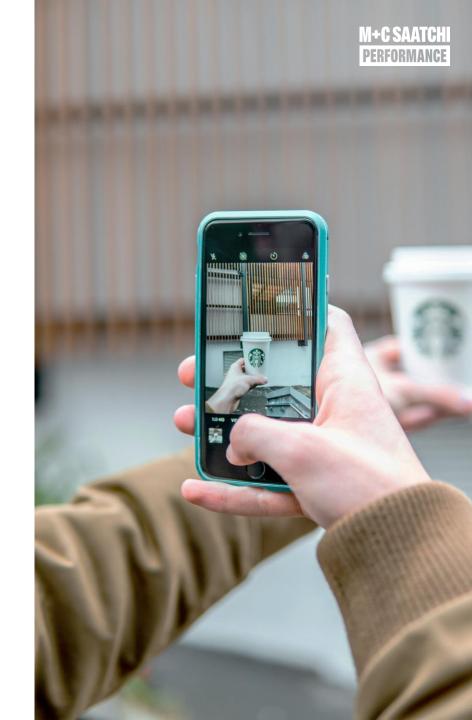
90%

Festive shoppers turn to YouTube as a key part of their pre-purchase research in India.

India's e-commerce is booming, led by Tier 2+ cities with a 13% spending rise. 43%

Gen Z starts their product discovery on TikTok, making it a fast-growing platform for festive inspiration and exploration. 30%

Conversion rates from live shopping in Indonesia highlight how engaged shoppers are with this interactive trend







### 5. Multi-Touchpoint Journeys

- + Festive shoppers use 8+ touchpoints in their journey.
- From early wish listing to final checkout, they expect a seamless, cross-platform experience.

6. FOMO & Exclusivity Drive Action

Urgency and exclusivity through flash sales, early-bird perks, and influencer-led previews push shoppers to act faster and earlier.

**52%** 

Indonesian consumers are open to exploring new brands during Harbolnas.



Consumers who identify as planned shoppers become impulsive.









### How Do You Grab Their Interest?

Creative Formats
That Move the
Needle



### **Interactive & Playable Ads**

Deliver 20x more installs, 7x higher conversions, and +50% engagement vs static/video (CRAFTSMAN+)

Work by tapping into play & reward psychology for deeper attention, stronger recall, higher ROAS

Best fit for **gaming**, but adoption is growing in entertainment, finance & lifestyle.

### **UGC-Style Video Ads**

Drives +152% higher impression-to-install conversions (Liftoff).

Especially effective in **e-commerce, utilities & social apps** because they feel authentic & trustworthy, crucial in crowded O4 markets.

Apps are ramping UGC spend **double digits YoY**, with the biggest surge in Q4.





### Measuring ROI at the Creative Level

How Marketers Connect Creative to ROI & LTV

#### Creative Data Ingestion

Auto-pulls creatives (images, videos, copy, placements) from ad networks Ensures every asset is tagged & tracked consistently

#### Creative-Level Attribution

Links installs, purchases & subs back to the exact creative Clear view of which assets drive ROI

#### ROI & LTV Calculation

Combines spend + revenue + engagement data Enables ROI & LTV measurement at the creative level



### Creative IQ Stop guessing, start scaling.

Connect your creative assets to performance data and build high-performing ads with Al-driven insights from Creative IQ.

#### What you'll unlock

### Creative Gallery Side-by-side views of every ad, paired with real performance data.

Custom dimensions
Effortlessly encode your
manual tags with custom
dimensions.

#### **Al Tagging**

Automatically label audio/ visual elements to see what's really converting.

Cross-team collaboration Unlimited seats and restricted users to share with external agencies and design teams.

#### **Creatives Explore**

Dive deep into your data with granular breakdowns in a pivot tables.

Leading marketers trust Singular's superior creative reporting to grow faster







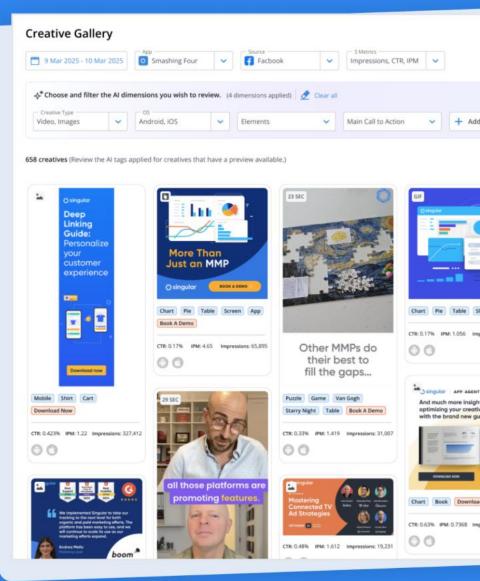






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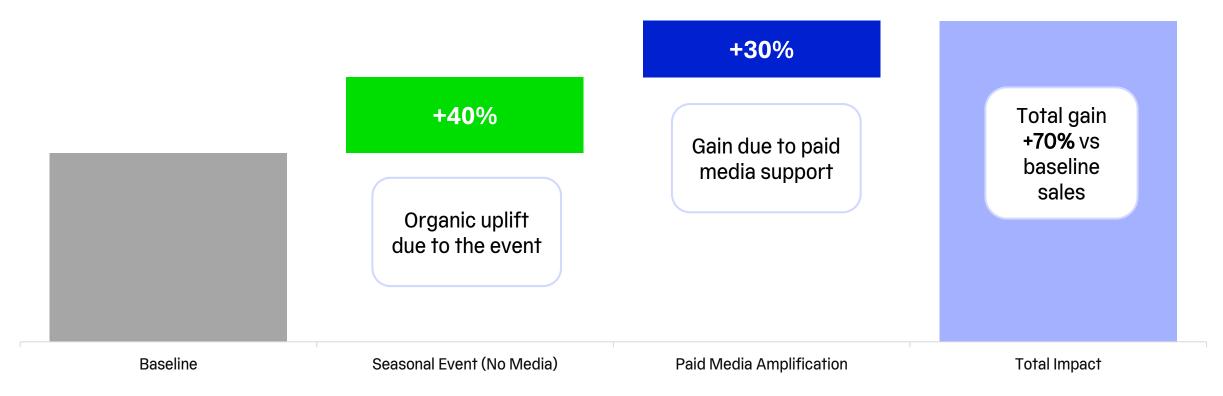






### **Measurement With OneView**

Events create natural uplift, but M+C Saatchi OneView quantifies whether media is genuinely amplifying it or just riding the wave.



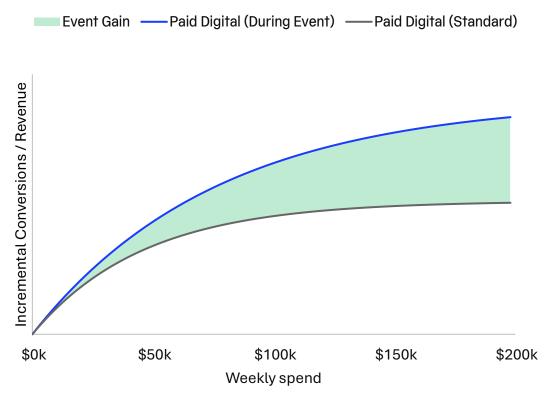
This ensures brands know when to up-weight, when to hold back, and how to plan smarter year-on-year





### Seasonal Events Stretch Media Effectiveness

This allows investment to scale further before saturation



During seasonal events, media effectiveness stretches - conversions don't saturate as quickly as in normal weeks

For this client, outside of events, the optimal weekly spend range is c. \$45–75k, within events, this almost doubles to \$75–125k

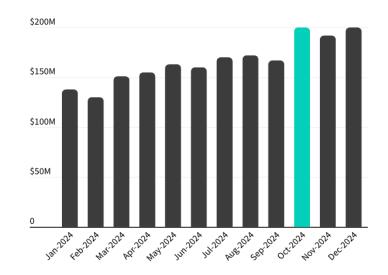
This proves that media and events work harder together, creating incremental growth beyond the organic uplift alone





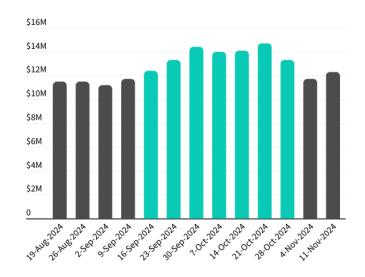
# Advertisers Spike Spend in India Ahead of and During Diwali

Digital Advertising Spend in India



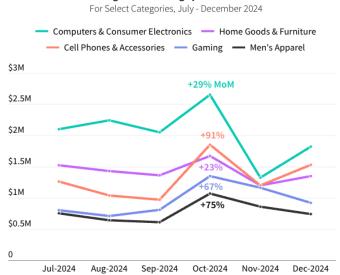
Digital ad spend in India spikes in October ahead of Diwali: daily ad spend in October was up 16% MoM, by far the biggest jump in 2024

Weekly Shopping Category Digital Advertising Spend in India



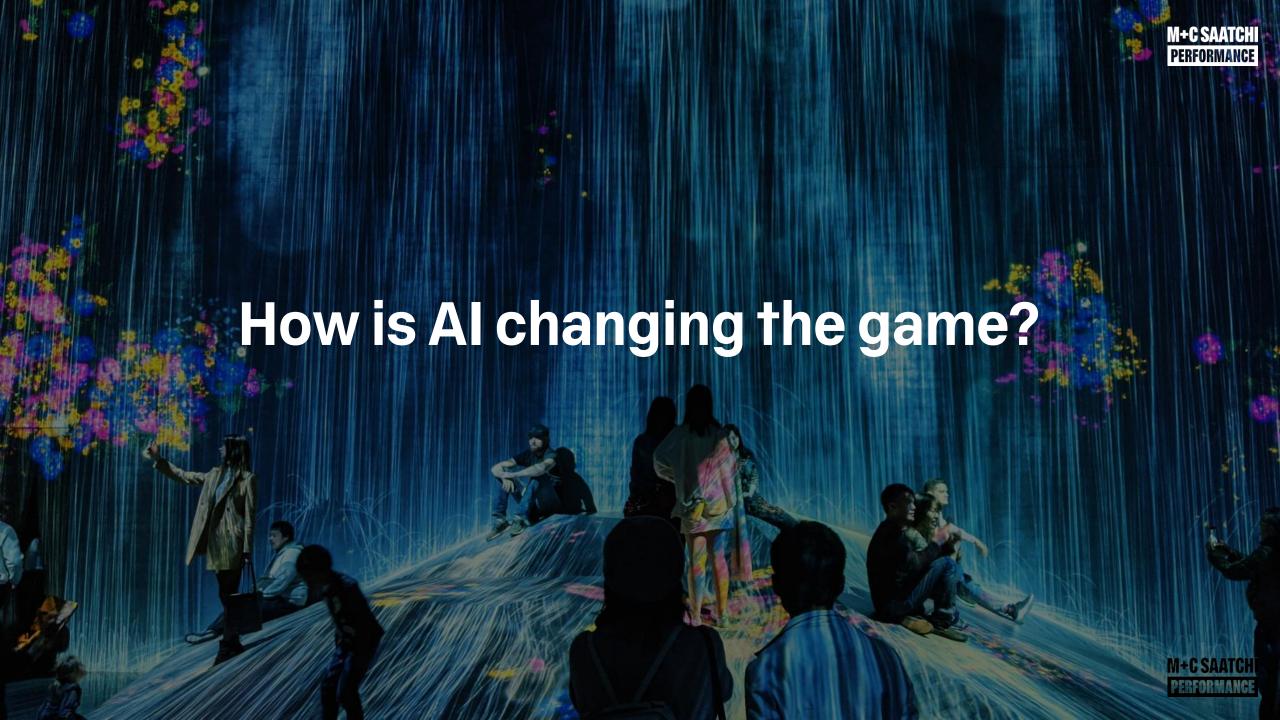
Advertisers start their campaigns early: Shopping advertising spend started to pick up in mid-September and peaked throughout the month of October

#### Digital Advertising Spend in India



Electronics advertising spikes: top categories to see spikes in ad spend in October included Computers & Consumer Electronics and Cell Phones & Accessories







### **Questions?**





