

### Retail in Transition:

Adapting to Volatile Dynamics in the Modern Grocery Marketplace

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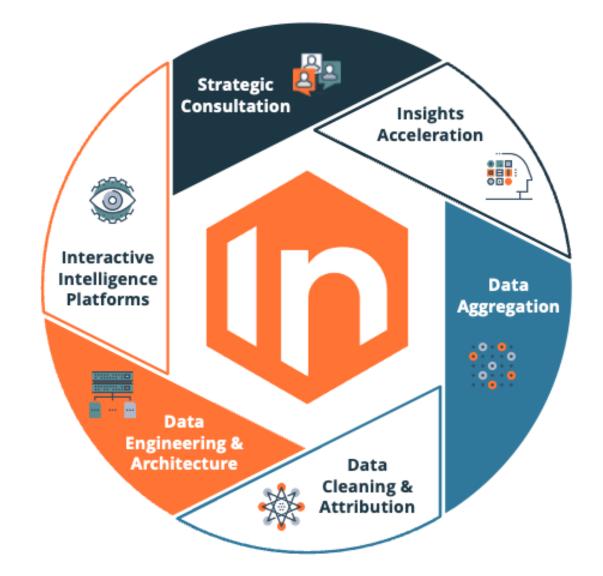




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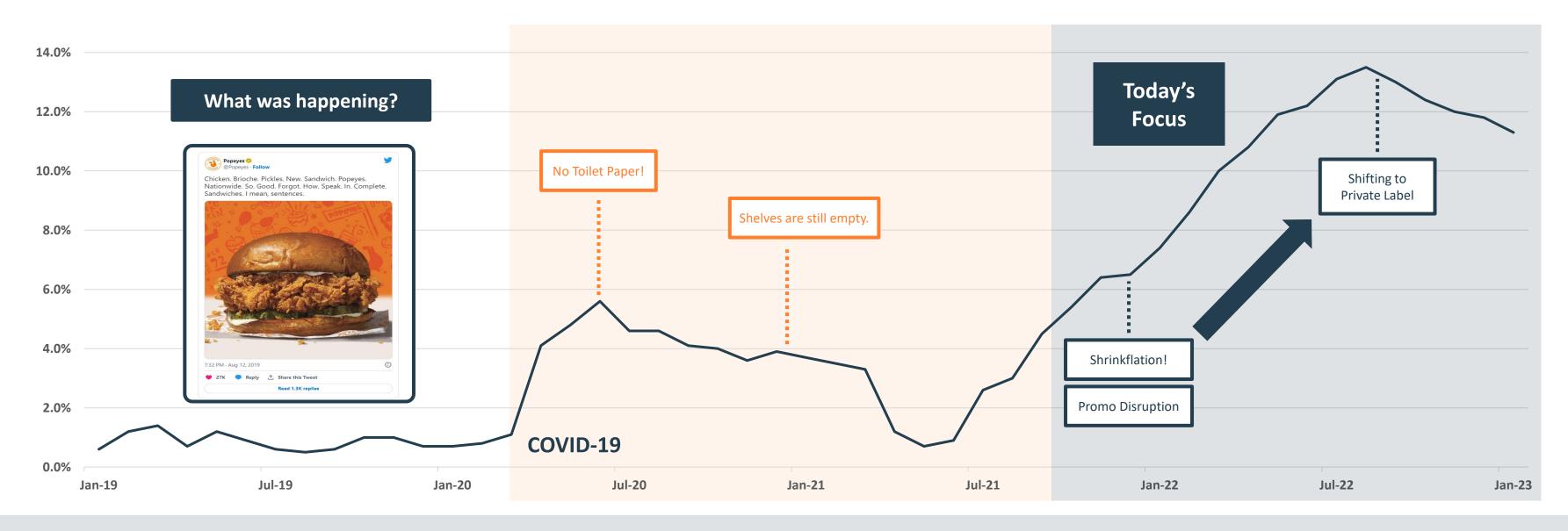
Context to Understanding Recent Transition with Grocery



#### Where did we come from?

How can we adapt in our current market?

Year over Year Inflation (%), Food at Home





#### A Closer Look at Market Dynamics

#### **Shrinkflation**

CPG companies look to secure their bottom line against external margin pressure.

#### Promotional Disruption

Divergence from historical norms require new levels of visibility.

#### Private Label Development

Economic pressures present a tailwind for private label growth as consumers trade **across or down**.



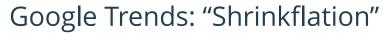
#### It costs the "same", but there is less of it.

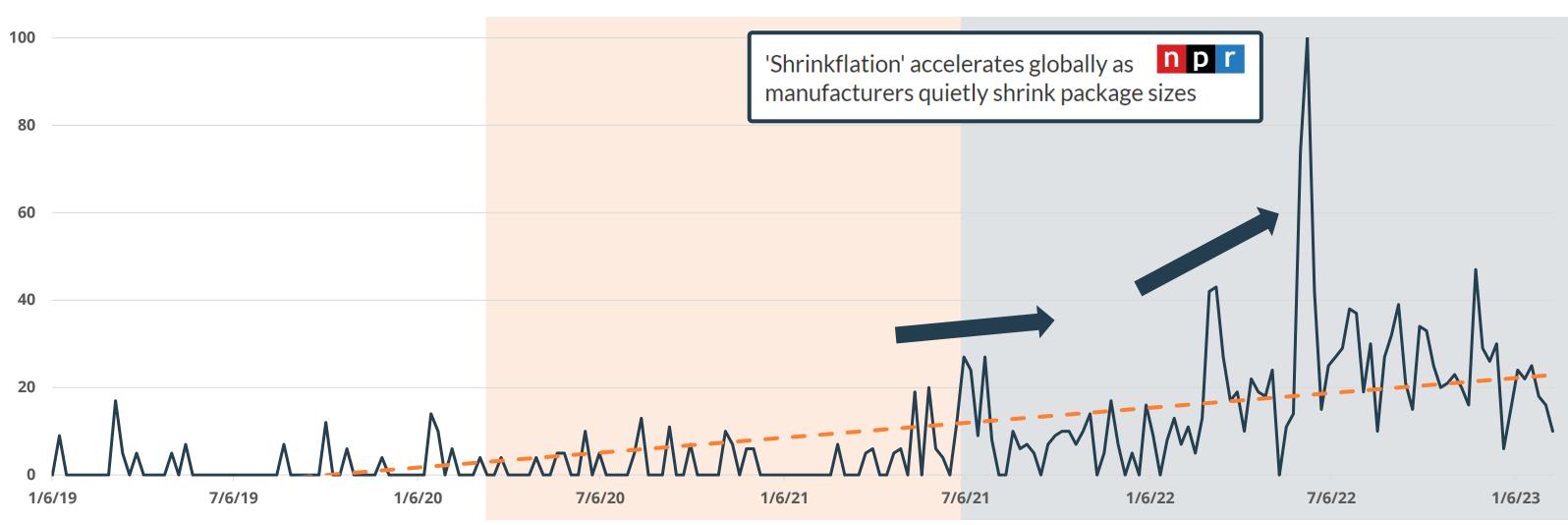
Developing an Understanding for Shrinkflation



## Searching for 'Shrinkflation'

Evolving the Shoppers' Lexicon







#### PepsiCo Executive Remarks

Walking on the customer demand "tight-rope"

"Looking ahead, we expect .... [to utilize] mix and assortment solutions to mitigate the continued impact of higher-than-expected commodity, transportation, and supply chain costs."

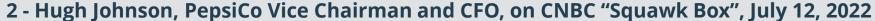
Or, more simply...

"There are times when we'll take chips out of the bag, instead of taking pricing up.

There's no denying that."2

#### **Sources:**

<sup>1 -</sup> Ramon Laguarta, Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo, in Second Quarter 2022 Earnings Prepared Management Remarks;

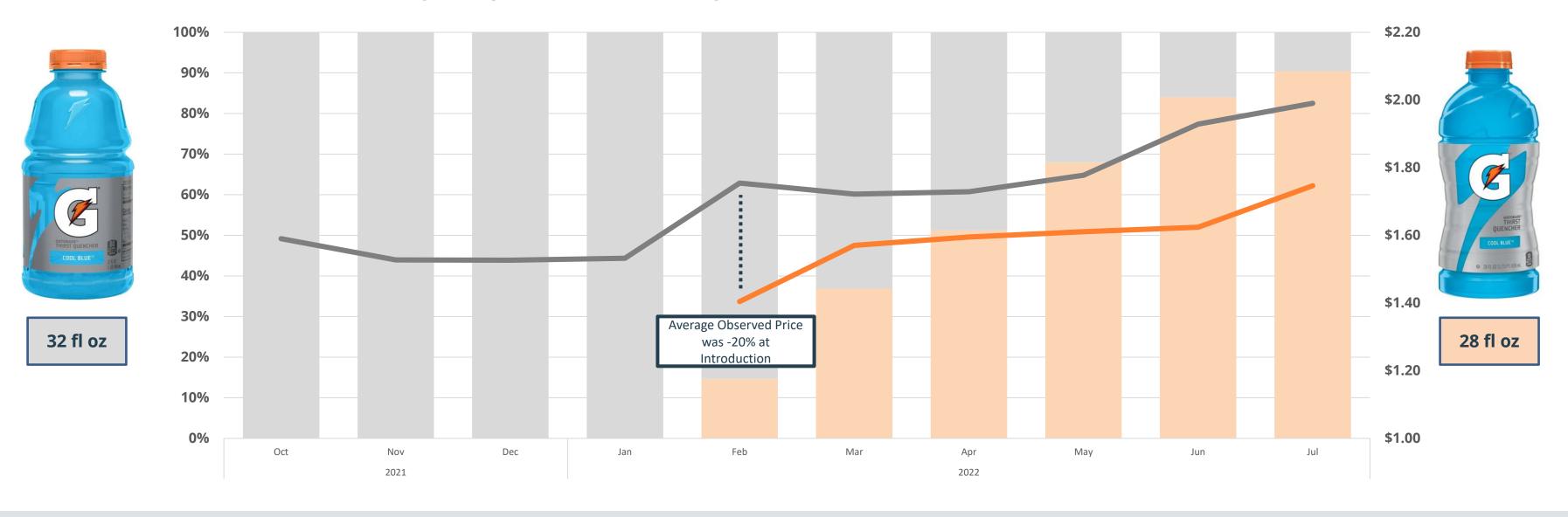




## Gatorade: Is (less of) it in you?

A closer look at Gatorade's Transition from 32 to 28 fluid ounces.

#### Distribution (bar) and Pricing Comparison (line) through the 28 fluid ounce introduction





#### Consumer Response

29% of shoppers have not noticed any items shrinking in size.

45% of shoppers who are noticing will buy a different brand that hasn't reduced size.

Football coaches would probably be in the "did not notice" category.





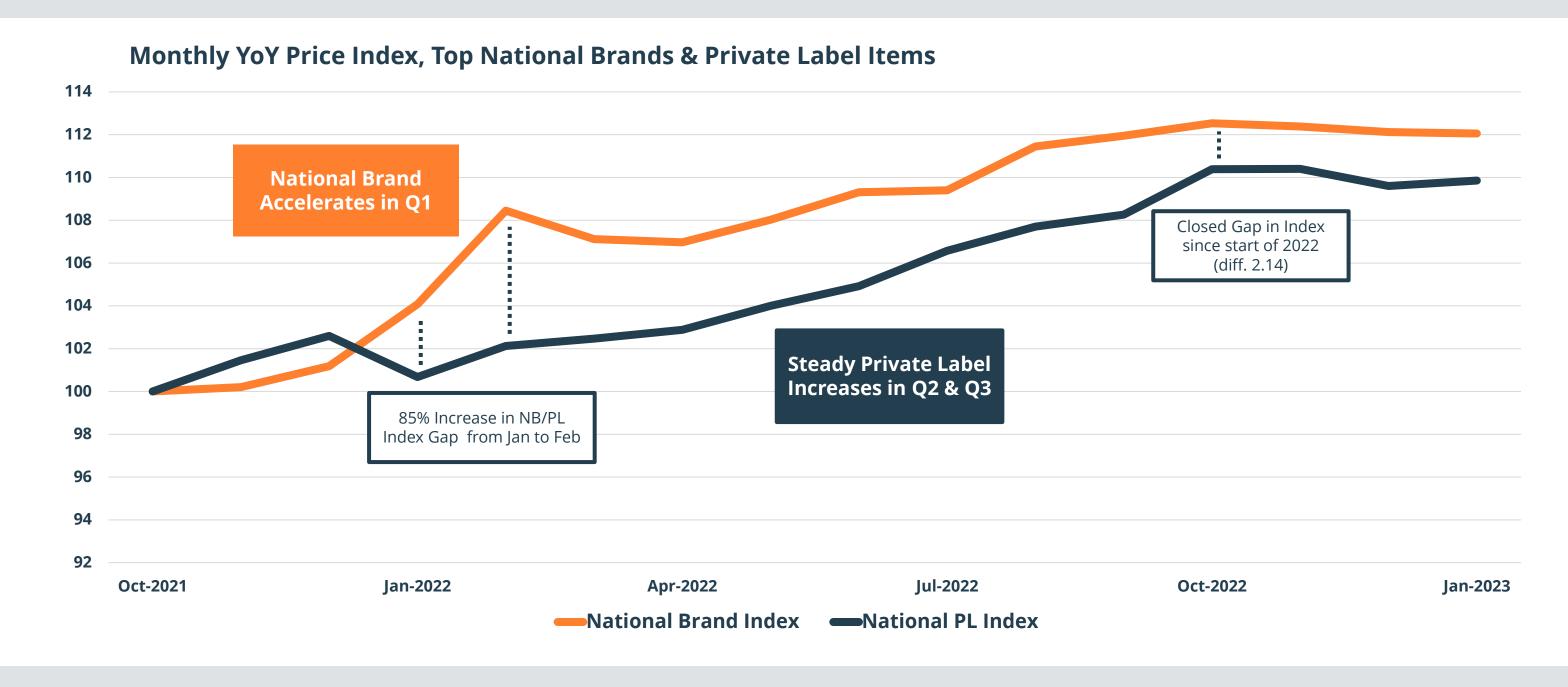
### In Search of Private Label Opportunities

Utilizing Private Label for Margin Enhancement



#### **Price Index**

National Brands capitalized quickly on price increases starting in Q1 2022





#### "It's your choice."

Communicate to the **45%** of shoppers who are noticing will buy a different brand that hasn't reduced size.

As National Brands increase prices, Retailers can use this opportunity to highlight price gaps & value for their shoppers.





Simulate the

shoppers

decision making.

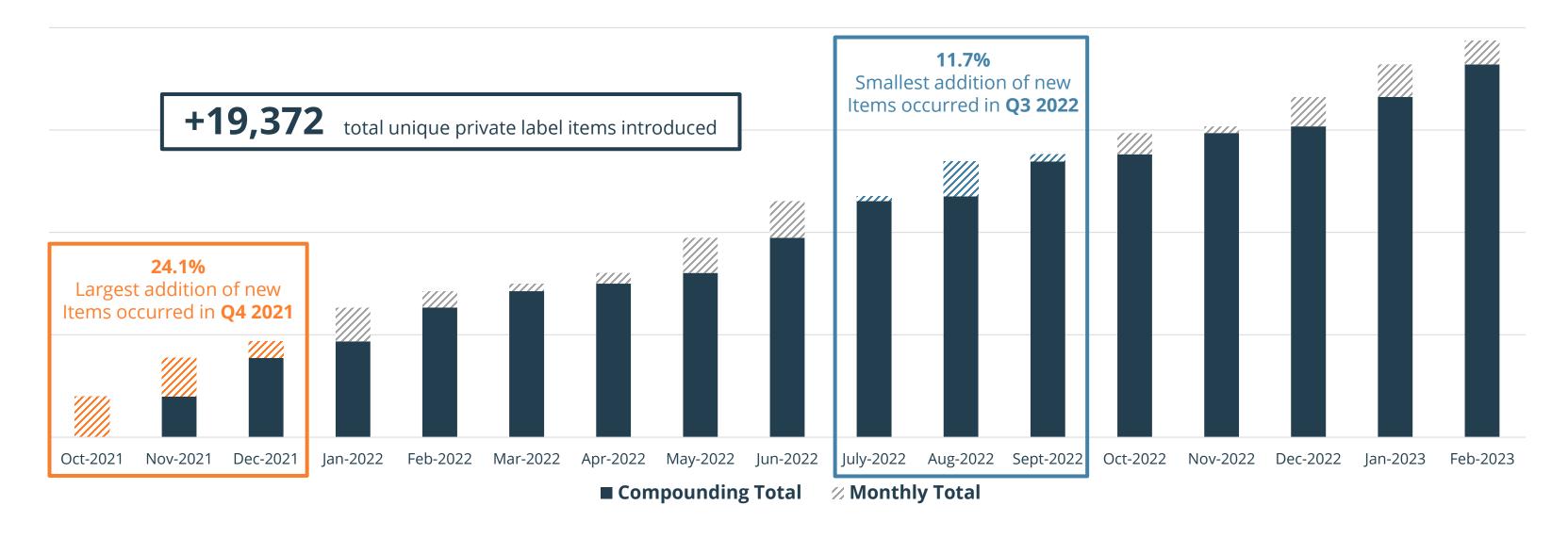
"at-the-shelf"

Source: Lidl Circular, Germany

#### **Abundance of Choice**

Private label has only expanded on its foothold gained during economic downturns.

#### **Compounding Total New Unique Private Label Items**





### **Shelf Space as a Commodity**

More private label in an assortment may save price perception.

And unfortunately, some of those suppliers are still pointing us towards more inflation next year on top of the mid double digits this year, and we don't like that for any reason.

We don't like it for families.

In the meanwhile, we will allocate space to private brands and tertiary brands to the degree that we need to, to help make this work for families."

-Walmart CEO, Doug McMillon, Dec. 2022



### **Coming Full Circle**

Same opportunity exists for retailers however, the stakes are higher.

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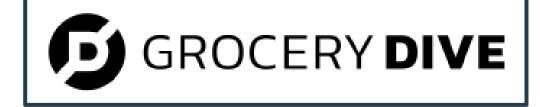
#### 6 grocery trends to watch in 2020

Simplifying apps, evolving in-store dining and expanding micro-fulfillment will be on the menu for retailers in the year ahead, experts say.

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From Target's Good & Gather to ShopRite's new food and household brands, 2019 saw retailers push private label into new premium categories.





"Retailers are **becoming more confident** to push these more
higher-priced items within their
own private labels."

-Neil Saunders, GlobalData - Retail

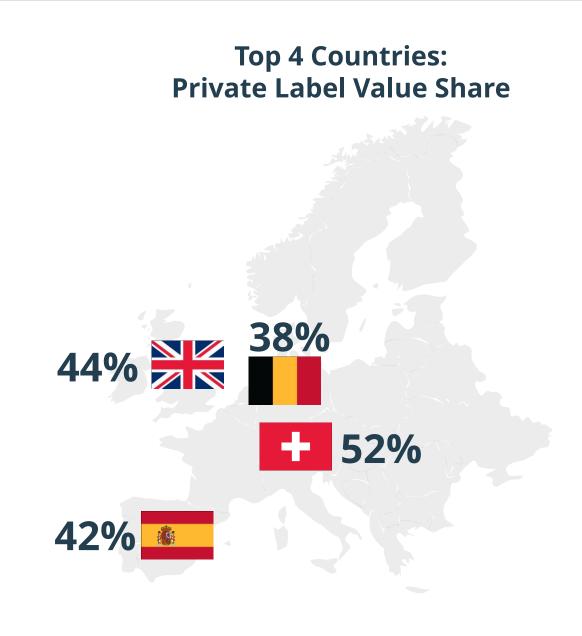


### Looking Abroad

US Private Label Dollars increased 40% in the last 5 years, still more upside remains.

Total Western Europe PL Share: 36%

US PL Share: 18.9%









## PL (Merchandising) Innovation

From the Discounters Playbook: Scarcity & Exclusivity

Limited Availability utilization for Branded & Private Label Products not just for Seasonal/Holidays anymore.



Cues around the store led to the product **selling out in less than 24 hours across the UK.** 



## Promotional Disruption

Unpacking Shifting Strategies, Mix and Execution



#### **Promotional Disruption**

Shift in CPG Revenue Strategies are upending Promotional Marketplace Norms

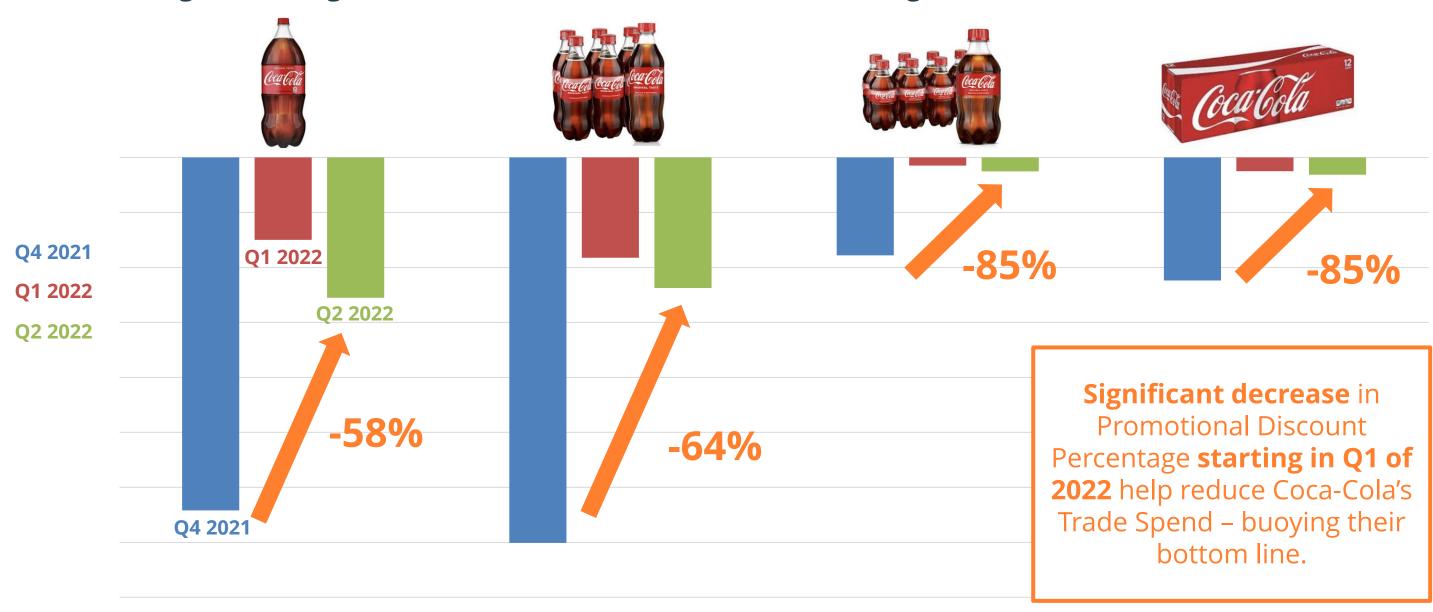




### Stalwarts Changing Course

Coca-Cola enhance bottom line with top selling products, traditionally traffic drivers



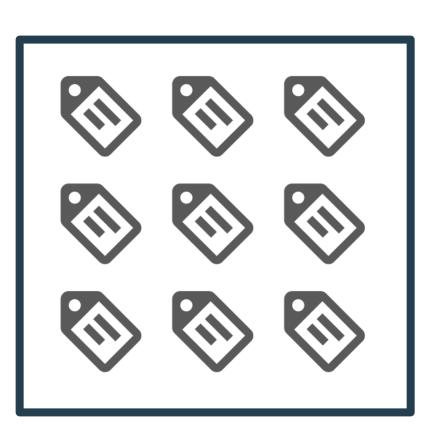


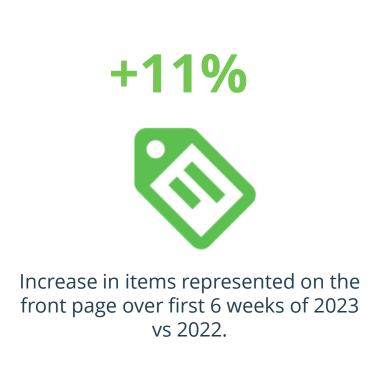


### Crowds on the Circular Front Page

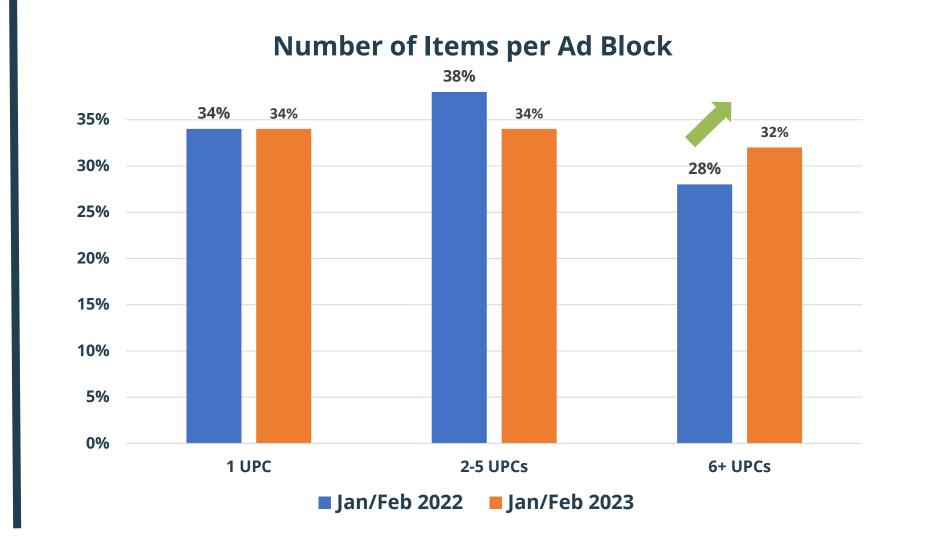
Retailers are already adding more Private Label to their Circular's Front Page.

Increasing number of items being presented on front page of the circular...



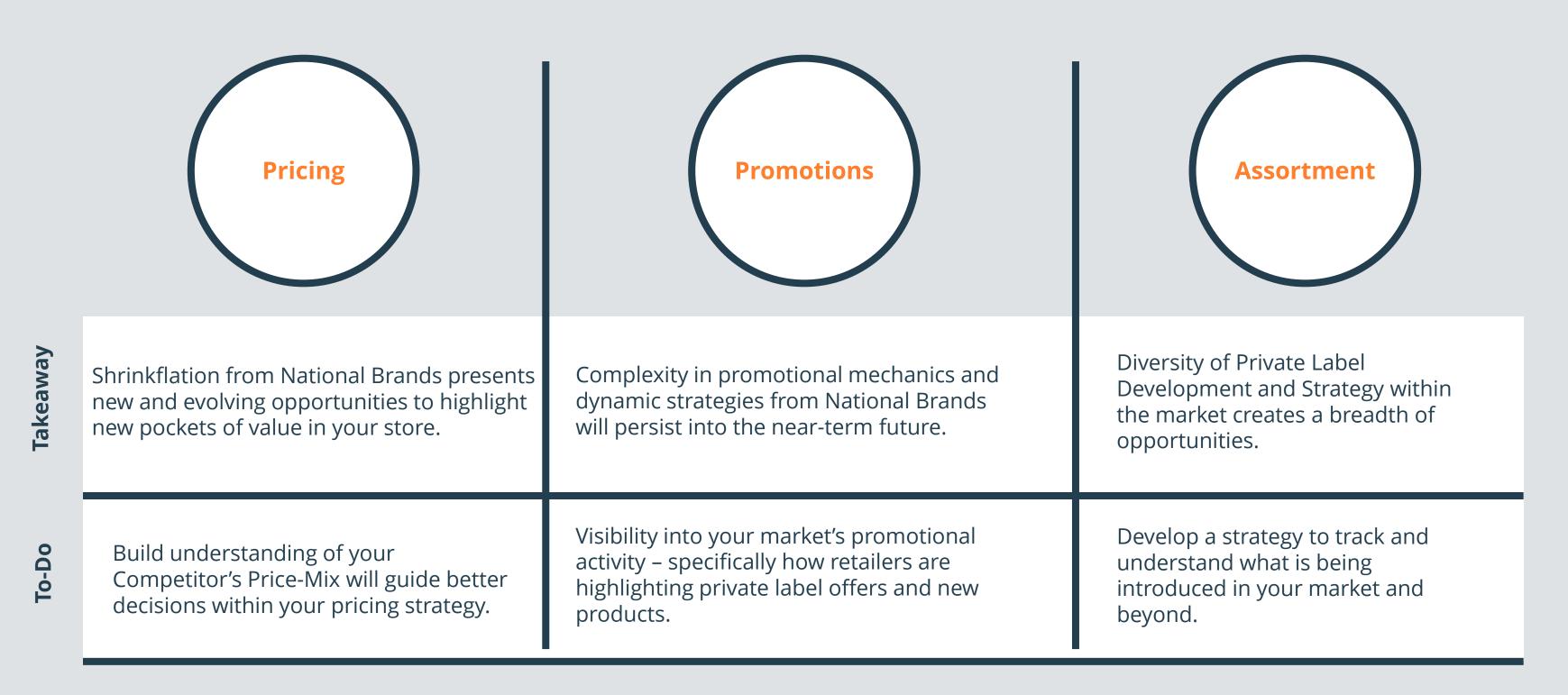


...Driven by more items being promoted per Ad Block.





### **Charting the Path Forward**





## Thank You!



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