

MEETING AGENDA

Quarterly Review

- Key Storylines
- Performance Overview
- Newsletter & Solo Engagement
- Testing & Optimization
- Actionable Insights
- Learning Agenda Updates
- YTD Newsletter Highlights

2020 Newsletter Brainstorm

Discuss ideas for optimizing email in 2020

KEY STORYLINES

- Q3 2019 email engagement was up across all channel KPIs QoQ, which was mostly due to August having above average performance
- Financials were down by 20% for the quarter, which was tied to below average revenues from September eNews
- Well timed articles tied to key travel-related energy moments are successful at capturing clicks
- Learnings show that a branded subject line approach consistently wins; use learnings to drive future optimization to lift open rates even higher

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Q3 2019 EMAIL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

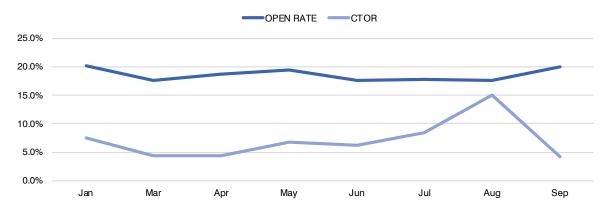
- With delivered counts down 2.5% QoQ, open and click rates remained steady QoQ
- August boosted quarterly metrics with high performing beach article that drove a 14% CTOR, a YTD high
- Financials impacted by low engagement with Sept eNews (lowest open rate YTD which trickled down negatively on other KPI's); additional Sept solo helped email KPIs, but did not generate enough revenue to make up for newsletter lows

Engagement	9.9 M	18.9%	1.4%	7.5%	0.18%
	Emails Delivered -2.5% QoQ (-253.1 K)	Open Rate +0.1 pts QoQ	CTR +0.3 pts. QoQ	CTOR +1.4 pts QoQ	Unsubscribe Rate -0.02 pts QoQ
Financials	1.2 K	2.7 K	\$573.4 K	\$0.06	0.8%
	Bookings -19.3% QoQ (-276)	Room Nights -20.1% QoQ (-673)	Revenue -22.2% QoQ (-\$163.2 K)	Revenue/Delivered -20.2% QoQ	Conversion -0.4 pts QoQ

Q3 2019 EMAIL ENGAGEMENT TRENDS

- Open rate trends are steady MoM; exploring other tactics to continue lifting engagement
- CTORs have increased since April; visible spike from beach content in August eNews, but rate dropped in Sept from a low interest in the 'Cities After Dark' theme; leverage top articles and key energy moments to inform monthly themes

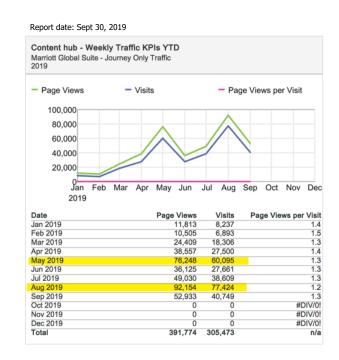
The Ritz-Carlton Email Engagement Trend 2019



HIGHEST JOURNEY TRAFFIC YTD 2019

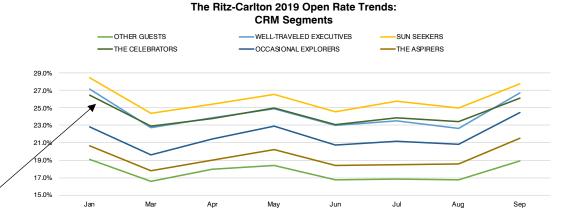
Beach content was featured in May and August 2019 eNews hero modules

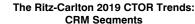
Engagement drove record high Journey traffic in just the first few days post-deployment

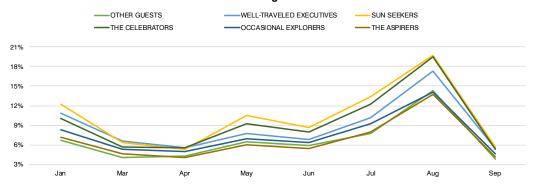


Q3 2019 TRENDS BY CRM SEGMENTS

- Consistent open and CTO rate patterns across all CRM segments MoM which means content generated the same reaction from all segments
- Sun Seekers have the highest open and CTO rates MoM
- Celebrators & WTE open rates are closely aligned each month
- Consider expanding CRM personalization tactics into other copy areas to lift engagement
 - Pre-header text
 - Hero module
 - Hotel Spotlight







Q3 2019 CRM PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

QoQ KPI increases across all segments; July eNews led the way to financial gains for The Aspirers (42% of Q3 bookings)

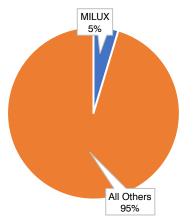
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	Q3	vs. Q2	Q3	vs. Q2	Q3	vs. Q2	Q3	vs. Q2	Q3	vs. Q2	Q3	vs. Q2	Q3	vs Q2
DELIVERED	8.34 M	-2.0%	396.9 K	-1.1%	345.5 K	-5.6%	329.5 K	-3.4%	320.9 K	-7.2%	161.2 K	-10.9%	9.89 M	-2.5%
OPEN	1.49 M	-1.9%	99.0 K	+2.3%	92.0 K	-2.4%	82.2 K	-0.3%	73.2 K	-3.6%	32.3 K	-8.1%	1.87 M	-1.8%
OPEN%	17.9%	0.0 pts	25.0%	+0.8 pts	26.6%	+0.9 pts	25.0%	+0.8 pts	22.8%	+0.8 pts	20.1%	+0.6 pts	18.9%	+0.1 pts
CLICK	104.9 K	+20.3%	8.9 K	+31.6%	9.7 K	+17.6%	8.2 K	+24.2%	5.6 K	+16.0%	2.3 K	+19.5%	139.7 K	+20.8%
CTR	1.26%	+0.2 pts	2.25%	+0.6 pts	2.82%	+0.6 pts	2.50%	+0.6 pts	1.75%	+0.3 pts	1.41%	+0.4 pts	1.41%	+0.3 pts
CTOR	7.03%	+1.3 pts	9.02%	+2.0 pts	10.59%	+1.8 pts	10.01%	+2.0 pts	7.66%	+1.3 pts	7.04%	+1.6 pts	7.47%	+1.4 pts
UNSUB%	0.19%	-0.02 pts	0.13%	0.00 pts	0.14%	-0.01 pts	0.12%	-0.01 pts	0.16%	0.00 pts	0.19%	-0.02 pts	0.18%	-0.02 pts
BOOKINGS	882	-21.4%	88	-21.4%	66	-20.5%	62	-4.6%	32	-3.0%	24	+60.0%	1.2 K	-19.3%
RMNTS	2.0 K	-22.3%	251	-16.6%	187	-15.4%	156	-13.3%	52	-40.9%	66	+100.0%	2.7 K	-20.1%
REV/DEL	\$0.05	-20.2%	\$0.16	-8.9%	\$0.13	-41.4%	\$0.12	-12.4%	\$0.03	-53.8%	\$0.13	+149.4%	\$0.06	-20.2%
REVENUE	\$393.4 K	-21.9%	\$62.7 K	-9.9%	\$45.0 K	-44.7%	\$41.1 K	-15.4%	\$10.4 K	-57.2%	\$20.8 K	+122.1%	\$573.4 K	-22.2%

Q3 2019 TRENDS BY STAYER TYPE

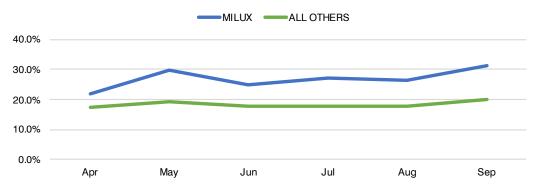
LUXURY STAYER (MILUX) VS. ALL OTHER SEGMENTS

- eNews audience expanded in April '19; this new segment is called MILUX and includes other luxury brand stayers, plus customers with a household income of >\$150K
- Engagement trends higher for MILUX than the rest of the email audience; deeper analysis is needed to understand their luxury brand mix

Average # of Delivered Emails Each Month: MILUX vs. All Others



The Ritz-Carlton 2019 Open Rate Trends: MILUX vs. All Others

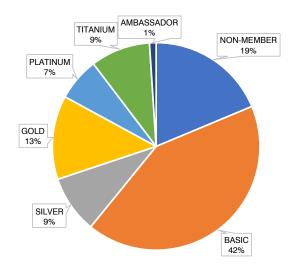


Q3 2019 TRENDS BY BONVOY MEMBER LEVELS

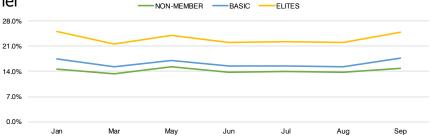
• Audience mix: 42% Basic, 39% Elites, and 19% Non-Members

• Basic & Non-Member open and CTO rates are closely aligned and drive overall quarterly results; their Q3 metrics were higher compared to Bonvoy Q3 metrics

Average # of Delivered Emails Each Month: Bonvoy Member Levels



The Ritz-Carlton 2019 Open Rate Trends: Bonvoy Member Levels



The Ritz-Carlton 2019 CTOR Trends: Bonvoy Member Levels



Q3 2019 ENGAGEMENT BY BONVOY MEMBER LEVELS

- Overall, the TRC Q3 2019 email KPIs were higher than Bonvoy Q3 emails
- Engagement varied by member level
 - o Non-Members and Basic members have a significantly higher response rate to TRC emails vs. Bonvoy
 - Elite engagement varies as levels go up
- Deeper dive is needed to understand TRC audience mix in Bonvoy

		TRC Q3 '19	NON-MEMBER	BASIC	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM	TITANIUM	AMBASSADOR
Rate	Ritz-Carlton Q3 '19	18.9%	14.4%	16.6%	20.5%	23.3%	25.2%	25.5%	26.5%
en	Bonvoy Q3	15.3%	11.6%	12.7%	18.3%	22.1%	25.5%	27.4%	28.8%
Q	+/- Difference	+3.6 pts	+2.7 pts	+3.8 pts	+2.2 pts	+1.2 pts	-0.3 pts	-1.8 pts	-2.4 pts
	Ritz-Carlton Q3 '19	1.4%	1.0%	1.1%	1.5%	1.8%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%
CTR	Bonvoy Q3	1.1%	0.37%	0.76%	1.4%	1.9%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
_	+/- Difference	+0.3 pts	+0.6 pts	+0.4 pts	+0.1 pts	-0.2 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.6 pts	-0.8 pts
S.	Ritz-Carlton Q3 '19	7.5%	7.1%	6.8%	7.4%	7.6%	8.8%	8.7%	8.3%
CTC	Bonvoy Q3	7.0%	3.2%	6.0%	7.7%	8.8%	10.0%	10.3%	10.5%
	+/- Difference	+0.5 pts	+3.9 pts	+0.8 pts	-0.3 pts	-1.1 pts	-1.2 pts	-1.6 pts	-2.2 pts
G	Ritz-Carlton Q3 '19	0.18%	0.22%	0.19%	0.17%	0.17%	0.15%	0.13%	0.19%
Jnsı	Bonvoy Q3	0.22%	0.71%	0.21%	0.10%	0.08%	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%
_	+/- Difference	-0.03 pts	-0.49 pts	-0.02 pts	+0.07 pts	+0.09 pts	+0.11 pts	+0.10 pts	+0.15 pts

PREVIOUS PROGRAM AFFILIATION ENGAGEMENT

- 40% of Q3 2019 TRC emails were sent to previous RCR Members & RC Non-Members
- RCR/RC KPIs were lower than MR/SPG; possible reflection of getting more emails than before under Bonvoy
- Consider creating more email opportunities for TRC (i.e. solos, triggers) to increase branded communication frequency – current cadence may not be enough

 Open and CTO Rate Engagement:

30.0%

25.0%

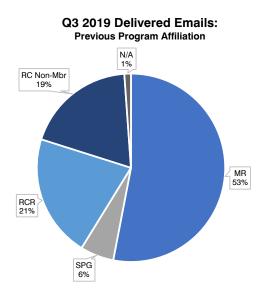
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15.0%

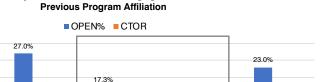
5.0%

20.2%

MR







14.3%

7.1%

N/A

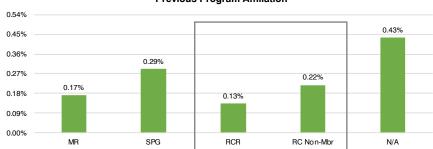
RC Non-Mbr



RCR

SPG

7.4%



Q3 2019 MONTHLY PERFORMANCE

- July and August had eNews deployments only, and Sept included the F1 Solo along with eNews
 - Subject line optimization strategies were used for each mailing
 - Consider sending additional emails (solos and/or triggers) to targeted audiences so that a consistent communication frequency is maintained
- August CTOR of 14.9% and booking financials were the highest YTD for the newsletter
 - Beach content drove email and website engagement YTD records
 - Consider as re-usable content in 2020
- F1/Club Level solo engagement drove September performance; open rate was +7 pts. higher than eNews and it drove 60% of monthly financials

	JUL	AUG	SEP
Sent	2.6 M	2.3 M	5.2 M
Delivered	2.5 M	2.6 M	5.1 M
Delivery%	97.9%	97.7%	98.0%
Opens	451.7 K	397.3 K	1.0 M
Open Rate	17.8%	17.6%	20.0%
Clicks	34.0 K	59.4 K	24.3 K
CTR	1.5%	2.6%	0.8%
CTOR	8.4%	14.9%	4.1%
Unsub	4.5 K	3.7 K	9.9 K
Unsub Rate	0.18%	0.16%	0.19%
Bookings	303	470	382
Room Nts.	692	980	996
Revenue	\$152.9 K	\$210.6 K	\$209.7 K
Rev./Del.	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.04
Conv. Rate	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%

NEWSLETTER PERFORMANCE

Q3 2019 NEWSLETTER vs. BASELINE

- 3-month eNews baseline was created using March thru May performance data
- Q3 '19 open rate avg. was down 1.3 pts compared to 3-month baseline
 - Plans are being developed to use subject line & preheader optimization learnings to enhance future approach & tactics
- CTR and CTOR rate increases were mostly from July and Aug eNews; Sept email KPIs were below baseline

eNews Metrics	Q3 2019	3-Month Baseline	Difference
Open Rate	17.2%	18.5%	-1.3 pts
CTR	1.6%	1.3%	+0.3 pts
CTOR	9.5%	6.9%	+2.6 pts

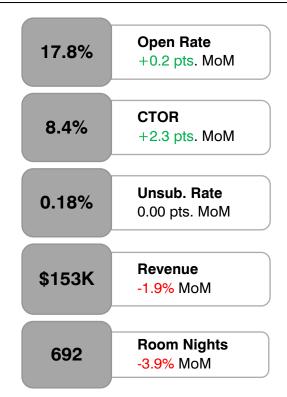
Baseline Reporting period: March - May 2019

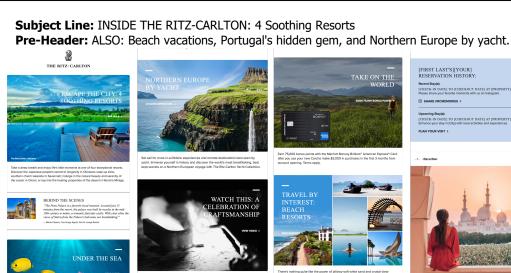
JULY 19th NEWSLETTER

THEME: Escape the City

the sea from the sandy shore, try an underwater adventure and explore colorful

marine life or ancient shipmenchs around the world. Read our guide and discover seven destinations worth seeing from beneath the surface.

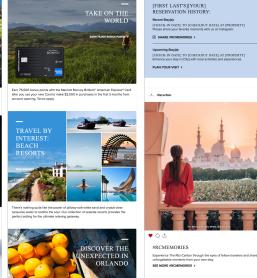




from har designs from the 1920s and 1930s, and will be rolling into Ritz Carbon hotels

Add a touch of luxury to your daily routine with the Asprey Purple Water collection

wonderful depth of fragrance you will return to again and again

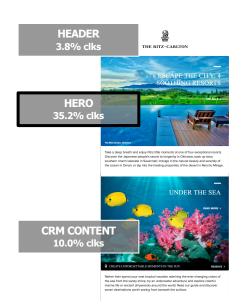


Florida's rich farming and citrus history at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande

Lakes. Explore the lish, tropical gardens surrounding the property and feast on the bounty of the Sunshine State at Highball & Harvest, a farm-to-table dining concept

JULY NEWSLETTER: HEATMAP

- The Northern Europe by Yacht article generated 18% of clicks and pulled engagement from the Hero (35% of clicks)
- Travel by Interest article on beach resorts was the 3rd most clicked in July and in top 10 for the guarter
- Continue beach message in 2020; consider creating a summer beach series (June Aug) to capitalize on engagement lifts longer









AUGUST 16th NEWSLETTER

THEME: Lake and River Beaches

Open Rate 17.6% -0.2 pts. MoM

CTOR 14.9% +6.5 pts. MoM

Unsub. Rate 0.16% -0.01 pts. MoM

Revenue \$211K +37.7% MoM

Room Nights 980 +41.6% MoM

Subject Line: 5 MUST-SEE LAKE BEACHES

Pre-Header: Also, Tokyo behind-the-scenes, an interview with Lewis Hamilton and more.



the world's best beaches can be found lakeside. Discover a few of the most breathtaking spots to spread out your towel - like the cobalt-blue water of Lake Geneva or the bracing water of Lake Michigan.



memorable wine tasting package in Santa Barbara. To take advantage of these continue to the private Owners' name



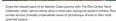
BEHIND THE SCENES time spent at The Ritz-Carlion Todyo, even after their stay ends. memories live furever in their hearts."





sterview at the Grand Prix in Montreal, where he placed first. The Ritz-Cariton and Mercedes-AMG Petrones Motorsport have teamed up to bring you exclusive race-day







Taboe and try your hand at a fishing adventure, or visit Grande Lakes in Orlando and



located in the foothills of the Tortolita Mountains and within the Sonoran Desert







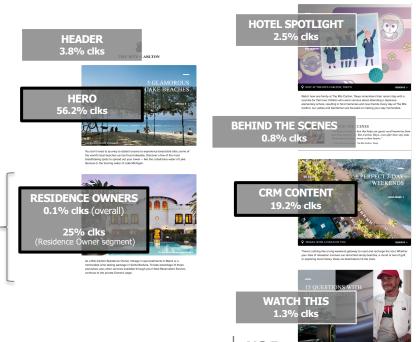
COMING NEXT MONTH

AUGUST 16th NEWSLETTER

- Beach resorts hero article generated 56% of email clicks; it was the most clicked article YTD
- Targeted Residence owner article generated 25% of clicks for that segment, which pulled from hero (41% of clicks)

serview at the Grand Prix in Montreal, where he placed first. The Ritz-Carlton and

• 19% of clicks on 3-day weekend CRM article; record high for that section; continue featuring articles around key energy moments









Shown to

Residence Owners

LET'S TAKE A LOOK

YTD 2019 ENERGY MOMENTS

- Readers are engaging with articles timed perfectly around travel-related energy moments: summer, holiday weekends, autumn
- Regardless of placement, article clicks were in the top 3 most clicked for their respective months
- Use learnings to plan 2020 content calendar; adjust email dates if necessary





Summer Focused Article

Beach Escapes



June 21

Summer Getaway 2

weeks before July 4th

CRM CONTENT 15.7% clks #2 most clicked



Celebrate a milestone anniversary, a special occasion or just revel in the chance t reconnect as you set sail to unique ports of call aboard The Rtz-Carlton Yacht

July 19

Summer Focused Article

Beach Resorts

TRAVEL BY INTEREST 11.2% clks #3 most clicked



There's nothing quite like the power of pillowy-soft white sand and crystal-clear turquoise water to soothe the soul. Our collection of seaside resorts provides the perfect setting for the ultimate relaxing getaway.

2 weeks before **Labor Day**

day of Autumn

August 16

CRM CONTENT 19.2% clks #2 most clicked

September 20

3 days before the first

AUTUMN GETAWAYS 18.4% clks #2 most clicked



There's nothing like a long-weekend getaway to reset and recharge the soul. Whether your idea of relexation involves sun-drenched sandy beaches, a round or two of golf, or exploring local history, these six destinations hit the mark.



Fall is the perfect time to plan a long weekend getaway, and we've found eight to s every tavel style. Take in the brightly colored leaves on full display in the culturally rich town of Kyoto or revel in the freworks that light up the sky in Bangalore during Diwall, the Festival of Lights. Autumn is the season to celebrate all the senses.

SEPTEMBER 20th NEWSLETTER

THEME: Cities After Dark



5.5% CTOR
-9.4 pts. MoM

Unsub. Rate 0.00 pts. MoM

Revenue-60.9% MoM

434 Room Nights
-55.7% MoM

Subject Line: INSIDE THE RITZ-CARLTON: The World's Great Cities, After Dark

Pre-Header: Also, 8 autumn getaways, 3 perfect days in New Orleans, and 1 moment in San Francisco.







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Sipping a perfectly crafted cocktail while enjoying a spectacular view is one of life's simple pleasures. Whether you're beachside in Grand Cayman or dockside in Marina Del Rev. you'll enjoy your next petaway even more with a cocktail in band.



ifth Marriott Borwoy" Moments and The Ritz-Carlton⁴, there are infinite possibilities of discover. Choose from once-in-a-lifetime adventures, private culinary experience



Officens, so it is fitting that this Southern city would be the first stop on renowned cellist and composer. The Guo's four-stop tout, Learn how and where this musical gentus found inspiration across the city — from the energy of the French Guarter the serency of the Botanical Earders.



Plan your next chic city retreat and explore the heart and soul of a culture with a stay at The Ritz-Carlson⁸. From gazing upon sweeping views of St. Stephen's Basilica and the Danube River in Budapest to admiring the streets filled with Chinese and Western architecture in the constal that of Tunini your unban adventure movits.



Experience autumn's most brilliant colors from your sulte's private terrace on The RR Carlton Yacht Collection*. Watch for whales as you sail from Boston through the Cap Cod Canal, en route to the palatial mansions of Newport. Catch a Broadway show in New York before saling down the coast to enjoy the Southern charm of Charleston.



When the foghorn sounds each evening in the lobby of The Ritz-Cariton, San Francisco, guests are invited to join us for a unique creft cocktail inspired by the cit unique climate, and recently featured in the Saks windows on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

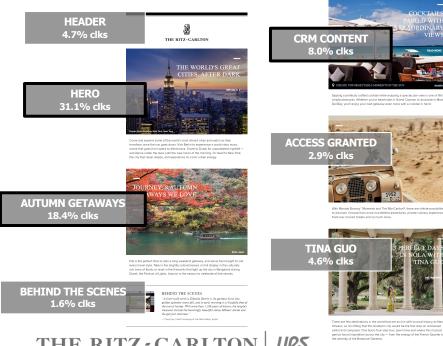




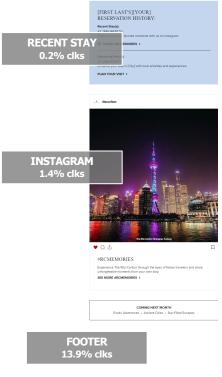


SEPTEMBER 20th NEWSLETTER

- Overall email engagement was down across all KPIs compared to other months; less of a threaded theme throughout email
- Hero drove only 31% of clicks, but Autumn Getaways and Behind the Scenes caught lost hero clicks, as well as CRM Content
- Recommend continuing approach from previous months that included a stronger, consistent theme throughout











TOP 10 ARTICLES: Q3 2019

- Articles that were focused on broad topics made the top 10 most clicked this quarter
- Continue leveraging these broader messages in 2020: beach, resorts, getaways, golf and touring by yacht

	Article Title	Month	Section	Clicks
1	5 Glamorous Lake Beaches	Aug	Hero	40.0 K
2	Escape The City: 4 Soothing Resorts	Jul	Hero	16.6 K
3	6 Perfect 3-day Weekends	Aug	Middle Offers	11.0 K
4	The World's Great Cities, After Dark	Sep	Hero	9.7 K
5	Northern Europe By Yacht	Jul	Bottom Offers	8.3 K
6	8 Autumn Getaways We Love	Sep	Hero	5.7 K
7	Travel By Interest: Beach Resorts	Jul	Bottom Offers	5.3 K
8	Travel By Interest: Lake Resorts	Aug	Bottom Offers	3.8 K
9	Above Par: Golf Design With Ritz-Carlton Masters	Jul	Middle Offers	3.6 K
10	Experience Canada & New England By Yacht	Aug	Bottom Offers	3.4 K

TOP 10 ARTICLES: Q3 2019 – BY SEGMENT

Article engagement was consistent across most segments; CRM modules in July and Aug were among the most clicked articles; consider tailoring other module content by CRM segment to increase relevancy & engagement

WTE Top 10 Articles	Clicks	CTR
5 Glamorous Lake Beaches (Aug)	2,336	2.58%
Escape The City: 4 Soothing Resorts (Jul)	1,039	1.03%
6 Perfect 3-day Weekends (Aug)	724	0.80%
The World's Great Cities, After Dark (Sep)	669	0.65%
Northern Europe By Yacht (Jul)	545	0.54%
8 Autumn Getaways We Love (Sep)	380	0.37%
Above Par: Golf Design With Ritz- Carlton Masters (Jul)	301	0.30%
Travel By Interest: Beach Resorts (Jul)	301	0.30%
Travel By Interest: Lake Resorts (Aug)	226	0.25%
Experience Canada & New England By Yacht (Aug)	187	0.21%

CEL Top 10 Articles	Clicks	CTR
5 Glamorous Lake Beaches (Aug)	2,355	3.15%
Escape The City: 4 Soothing Resorts (Jul)	1,352	1.62%
6 Perfect 3-day Weekends (Aug)	682	0.91%
The World's Great Cities, After Dark (Sep)	530	0.61%
Northern Europe By Yacht (Jul)	517	0.62%
8 Autumn Getaways We Love (Sep)	352	0.41%
Travel By Interest: Beach Resorts (Jul)	300	0.36%
Travel By Interest: Lake Resorts (Aug)	245	0.33%
Experience Canada & New England By Yacht (Aug)	205	0.27%
Autumn's Kaleidoscope At Sea (Sep)	179	0.21%

SS Top 10 Articles	Clicks	CTR
5 Glamorous Lake Beaches (Aug)	2645	3.37%
Escape The City: 4 Soothing Resorts (Jul)	1426	1.64%
Northern Europe By Yacht (Jul)	589	0.68%
The World's Great Cities, After Dark (Sep)	572	0.63%
The Hidden Caribbean (Aug)	554	0.71%
Travel By Interest: Beach Resorts (Jul)	493	0.57%
8 Autumn Getaways We Love (Sep)	415	0.46%
Travel By Interest: Lake Resorts (Aug)	321	0.41%
Under The Sea (Jul)	289	0.33%
Experience Canada & New England By Yacht (Aug)	235	0.30%

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OCC. EX Top 10 Articles	Clicks	CTR
5 Glamorous Lake Beaches (Aug)	1,340	1.84%
Escape The City: 4 Soothing Resorts (Jul)	767	0.96%
6 Perfect 3-day Weekends (Aug)	467	0.64%
The World's Great Cities, After Dark (Sep)	414	0.48%
Northern Europe By Yacht (Jul)	315	0.39%
8 Autumn Getaways We Love (Sep)	269	0.31%
Travel By Interest: Beach Resorts (Jul)	193	0.24%
Experience Canada & New England By Yacht (Aug)	149	0.20%
Autumn's Kaleidoscope At Sea (Sep)	129	0.15%
Travel By Interest: Lake Resorts (Aug)	120	0.16%

ASP Top 10 Articles	Clicks	CTR
5 Glamorous Lake Beaches (Aug)	631	1.73%
Escape The City: 4 Soothing Resorts (Jul)	242	0.59%
6 Perfect 3-day Weekends (Aug)	188	0.51%
The World's Great Cities, After Dark (Sep)	183	0.43%
Northern Europe By Yacht (Jul)	140	0.34%
8 Autumn Getaways We Love (Sep)	98	0.23%
Travel By Interest: Beach Resorts (Jul)	87	0.21%
Above Par: Golf Design With Ritz- Carlton Masters (Jul)	77	0.19%
Autumn's Kaleidoscope At Sea (Sep)	52	0.12%
Experience Canada & New England By Yacht (Aug)	48	0.13%

OTHER Top 10 Articles	Clicks	CTR
5 Glamorous Lake Beaches (Aug)	30,710	1.61%
Escape The City: 4 Soothing Resorts (Jul)	11,742	0.55%
6 Perfect 3-day Weekends (Aug)	8,878	0.47%
The World's Great Cities, After Dark (Sep)	7,303	0.34%
Northern Europe By Yacht (Jul)	6,168	0.29%
8 Autumn Getaways We Love (Sep)	4,219	0.20%
Travel By Interest: Beach Resorts (Jul)	3,901	0.18%
Above Par: Golf Design With Ritz- Carlton Masters (Jul)	3,193	0.15%
Travel By Interest: Lake Resorts (Aug)	2,875	0.15%
Experience Canada & New England By Yacht (Aug)	2,553	0.13%

Q3 2019 NEWSLETTER TAKEAWAYS

LET'S CONTINUE:

- Using energy moments to drive engagement during key travel periods
- Incorporating beach content; placement doesn't seem to matter
- Targeting Residence owners with relevant content; look for more opportunities in other modules
- Including consistent themed messages with content threads throughout email to maintain KPIs

LET'S TRY:

- Testing subject lines that really highlight the benefit of opening when creating options for monthly optimization
 - Expanding on this approach can increase relevancy and lift open rates
 - A good example of this was the F1 Mercedes/Club Level Solo subject line:
 - Subject line = Get closer to the action and witness history.

 Pre-header = The Ritz-Carlton and Mercedes-AMG Petronas Motorsport announce legendary partnership.
 - Note: email was sent to the same eNews audience; open rate was 23.7% (+6.5 pts. vs. Q3 eNews avg.)

SOLO EMAIL PERFORMANCE

SL: Get closer to the action and witness history.

PH: The Ritz-Carlton and Mercedes-AMG Petronas Motorsport announce legendary partnership

SEGMENTS	DELIVERED	OPEN	OPEN%	CLICKS	CTR	CTOR	UNSUB	BKGS	RMNTS	REV/DEL	REVENUE
OTHER GUESTS	2.16 M	484.6 K	22.47%	14.5 K	0.67%	2.99%	0.24%	166	412	\$0.04	\$89.2 K
WELL-TRAVELED EXECUTIVES	102.3 K	32.3 K	31.56%	1.4 K	1.36%	4.32%	0.14%	22	83	\$0.18	\$18.9 K
SUN SEEKERS	88.9 K	28.6 K	32.21%	1.3 K	1.45%	4.50%	0.16%	10	26	\$0.11	\$9.7 K
THE CELEBRATORS	85.0 K	26.0 K	30.59%	1.1 K	1.30%	4.24%	0.13%	9	17	\$0.05	\$3.9 K
OCCASIONAL EXPLORERS	82.5 K	24.4 K	29.62%	.9 K	1.11%	3.74%	0.21%	10	14	\$0.04	\$3.7 K
THE ASPIRERS	41.5 K	10.8 K	26.00%	343	0.83%	3.18%	0.25%	3	10	\$0.05	\$2.1 K
TOTAL	2.56 M	606.8 K	23.73%	19.5 K	0.76%	3.22%	0.23%	220	562	\$0.05	\$127.4 K

*Financial Data Source: Omniture 7-Day

Performance Summary:

- Email was sent on Sep 9th to the same monthly newsletter audience
- Open rate of 23.7% was +6.5 pts. higher than Q3 '19 newsletter avg. and generated over 600K impressions
- 44% of the clicks went to the Elevate Your Stay content below the hero
 - Singapore and Budapest were the most clicked locations in this section
- Increase click KPIs by using different email tactics like animation or carousels in select modules that draw attention and engagement



TRC YACHT COLLECTION SOLO

SL: Priority Access: The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection 2021 Season PH: New Destinations in Greece, Turkey, Portugal and More

SEGMENTS	DELIVERED	OPEN	OPEN%	CLICKS	CTR	CTOR	UNSUB	BKGS	RMNTS	REV/DEL	REVENUE
OTHER GUESTS	2.15 M	429.4 K	19.98%	27.1 K	1.26%	6.32%	0.18%	51	362	\$0.03	\$55.9 K
WELL-TRAVELED EXECUTIVES	103.0 K	30.5 K	29.64%	2.6 K	2.56%	8.65%	0.14%	2	4	\$0.00	\$458
SUN SEEKERS	90.4 K	27.3 K	30.23%	2.8 K	3.14%	10.37%	0.13%	1	7	\$0.02	\$2.0 K
THE CELEBRATORS	85.9 K	24.6 K	28.62%	2.4 K	2.78%	9.71%	0.12%	2	4	\$0.02	\$1.8 K
OCCASIONAL EXPLORERS	84.6 K	22.2 K	26.22%	1.6 K	1.88%	7.16%	0.14%	3	4	\$0.01	\$566
THE ASPIRERS	42.1 K	10.0 K	23.64%	686	1.63%	6.89%	0.16%	0	0	\$0.00	\$0
TOTAL	2.56 M	544.0 K	21.29%	37.3 K	1.46%	6.85%	0.17%	59	381	\$0.02	\$60.7 K



Captivating destinations. Immersive experiences. Inspired itineraries that capture the assual freedom of a yachting vacation. Sign up to receive first access to view our 2021 manager and receive principly resemblings before sales once to the public.

Performance Summary:

- Email was sent on August 30th to the same monthly newsletter audience; deployment was two weeks after newsletter
 - First time a Ritz-Carlton solo email was used to drive Priority Access sign-ups
- Campaign generated 540K impressions and a 21.3% open rate, which is aligned with other TRC solo email open rates
- Click rates were double the F1 solo and led to 29.3K visits and 4.9K Priority Access sign-ups
 - Engagement for this email was lower than the January 30, 2019 solo email, which generated 94K visits and 8.3K sign-ups



METT RCYC SOLO

Performance Summary:

- A similar RCYC email was sent through METT on Sep 10th to a smaller audience
- Previous Aug 30th solo drove better results than Sep METT solo at generating sign-ups; conversion rate was +3.0 pts higher
- While the METT solo did drive additional visits and sign-ups, the non-METT solo is recommended for future support
 - Consider re-sending non-METT solo to nonopeners to drive additional sign-ups
 - Compare with METT engagement to determine future email communication strategy

SL: Priority Access: The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection 2021 Season

PH: New Destinations in Greece, Turkey, Portugal and More



METRICS	Yacht Solo (Aug 30)	METT RCYC Solo (Sep 10)	Yacht Solo vs. METT	
DELIVERED	2.6 M	492.8 K		
OPEN	544.0 K	88.0 K		
OPEN%	21.3%	17.9%	+3.4 pts.	
CLICKS	37.3 K	7.4 K		
CTR	1.5%	1.5%	-0.04 pts.	
CTOR	6.9%	8.4%	-1.5 pts.	
UNSUB	0.17%	0.28%	-0.11 pts.	
SITE VISITS	29.3K	5.3K		
SIGN-UPS	4.9K	754		
CONVERSION	13%	10%	+3.0 pts.	

TESTING & OPTIMIZATION

SUBJECT LINE TEST RESULTS

- 'Must-See' (urgency) and beach language plus list-style had slightly higher engagement in August; retest for patterns
- 'Inside the Ritz-Carlton' style was a consistent winner March thru May and again in Sept; consider optimizing it against an approach with a stronger reason for opening; continue to optimize monthly

Results	Description of Winner		
Winner	List-style, urgency		
-0.52 pts.*			
-0.89 pts.			
	Winner -0.52 pts.*		

Pre-header: Also, Tokyo behind-the-scenes, an interview with Lewis Hamilton and more.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

•	INSIDE THE RITZ-CARLTON: The World's Great Cities, After Dark	Winner	Branded, Exclusivity
•	INSIDE The World's Great Cities, After Dark	-1.94 pts.	
•	The World's Great Cities, After Dark	-2.09 pts.	

Pre-header: Also, 8 autumn getaways, 3 perfect days in New Orleans, and 1 moment in San Francisco.

SUBJECT LINE TEST RESULTS

Campaign/Subject Lines	Results	Description of Winner			
SEPTEMBER F1 / Club Level Solo					
Get closer to the action and witness history.	Winner	Stronger reason for opening Note: Try this approach with newsletter			
One-of-a-Kind Experiences Await	-5.47 pts.				
Join us on a journey like no other.	-4.71 pts.				

JULY eNEWS CTA TEST #2

- A/B test was designed to determine if a boxed style CTA would drive more clicks than a textonly version; success metric was CTOR
- July results were not statistically significant
- CTOR for the control version email was slightly higher than the test version by +0.06 pts.
- Recommend retesting one more time for patterns and to reach significance; plans are in place to retest in December '19 eNews



Test Version 9.43% CTOR

VS.



Control Version 9.49% CTOR

Q4 2019 OPTIMIZATION PLANS

- Use previous learnings to expand subject line optimization approach
- Re-test boxed CTA vs. text-only version; use learnings to plan next test phase
- Measure impact that linking body copy has on click rates
- Develop strategies for triggered and lifecycle email campaigns; revisit recommendation for previous triggers
 - Special Occasion/Anniversary
 - Upcoming Birthday
 - Happy Birthday
 - Leisure Stay

ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS

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- Leverage top articles and key energy moments to inform monthly themes
- Consider expanding CRM personalization tactics into other copy areas to lift engagement
 - Pre-header text
 - Hero module
 - Hotel Spotlight
- Consider creating more email opportunities for TRC (i.e. solos, triggers) to increase branded communication frequency – current cadence may not be enough
- Use top 10 article data by segment as opportunities to re-use content or themes in 2020
 - Consider creating a summer beach series (June Aug) to capitalize on engagement lifts longer
 - Readers are engaging with articles timed perfectly around travel-related energy moments, regardless of placement, like summer, beaches, resorts, holiday weekends, and autumn; readers also engaged with golf and touring by yacht articles
- Re-test newsletter CTA styles one more time to evaluate patterns and to reach data significance

ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS

- CRM modules in July and Aug were among the most clicked articles; consider tailoring other module content by CRM segment to increase relevancy & engagement
- Increase Solo email click KPIs by using different email tactics like animation or carousels in select modules that draw attention and engagement
 - Consider resends for campaigns driving a more direct CTA like sign-ups
- Test subject lines that really highlight the benefit of opening when creating options for monthly optimization
 - Use previous test winners to optimize against; 'Inside the Ritz-Carlton' style was a consistent winner March thru May and again in Sept
- Let's continue these newsletter wins:
 - Using energy moments to drive engagement during key travel periods
 - Incorporating beach content; placement doesn't seem to matter
 - Targeting Residence owners with relevant content; look for more opportunities in other modules
 - o Including consistent themed messages with content threads throughout email to maintain KPIs

YTD NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- MAR THRU OCT 2019

2019 NEWSLETTER PERFORMANCE

Metrics	Mar-Oct 2019	Mar-Oct 2018*	Change
Total Delivered	19.3 M	12.4 M	+56.3%
Open Rate	17.7%	18.6%	-0.9 pts
Click-thru Rate	1.3%	1.5%	-0.2 pts
Click-to-Open Rate	7.6%	8.1%	-0.5 pts
Total Bookings	2.5 K	1.7 K	+42.7%
Total Room Nights	5.6 K	4.2 K	+33.2%
Total Revenue	\$1.2 M	\$1.1 M	+7.4%

^{*}Data does not include eNews Lite

Performance Summary:

- An average of 2.4M emails are delivered each month to previous brand stayers, Residence owners, high income households, and other luxury brand stayers
- March-October email KPIs are slightly below 2018; CTR is on par with 2018 and means content continues to drive interest; financial increases from sending more emails YoY
- Several factors have influenced 2019 performance
 - o Shift to editorial approach and fewer offers
 - Relaunched eNews in March; readers adjusted to new content format
 - Different audience mix and larger send counts have an impact on overall stats
 - Previous RCR members are now getting more emails under Bonvoy than they were before

YTD NEWSLETTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishments:

continue to the private Owners' page.

- Subject line optimization tactics are used monthly to lift rates
- Data-driven personalization tactics are used to target content: Residence owners, CRM segmentation, reservation data









- Content linking used to increase click opportunities (i.e. body copy, Behind the Scenes module)
- Based on previous engagement studies, brighter images are included where possible
- Ongoing CTA testing to increase email clicks
- Engage readers with video gif, animation, mosaic treatment





2020 NEWSLETTER BRAINSTORM

- Creative, Segmentation, Template

2020 NEWSLETTER BRAINSTORM

Conversation starters...

- Solo and Trigger emails (re-launch and net new)
- Journey re-design
 - New email content opportunities
 - o Email navigation bar
- Database migration
 - New data opportunities
 - Segmentation support
- Optimization opportunities
 - Subject line testing (ongoing)
 - Headline test
 - CTA test phase 2
 - Navigation bar test (content, location/placement, text vs. imagery)
 - o Increase revenue generating content (i.e. offers page)

Newsletter Template



Solo Template





YTD 2019 NEWSLETTER DASHBOARD



2019 Monthly Newsletter Dashboard

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		January	January February		March		April		Ma	May		e	July	y	Augu	ıst	Septer	nber	Octo	ber	2019
	Metric	Actual	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	Actual	MoM	YTD
EMAIL																					Total
	Delivered	1.99 M			1.84 M	-7.4%	2.54 M	37.9%	2.53 M	-0.4%	2.54 M	0.2%	2.53 M	-0.1%	2.25 M	-11.0%	2.55 M	13.1%	2.56 M	0.5%	21.31 M
Audience Health	Delivery Rate	98.5%			97.5%	-1.0 pts	96.9%	-0.6 pts	97.7%	+0.8 pts	97.8%	0.1 pts	97.9%	+0.1 pts	97.7%	-0.2 pts	97.9%	+0.2 pts	98.2%	+0.3 pts	97.8%
	Unsub Rate	0.16%			0.17%	+0.01 pts	0.22%	+0.04 pts	0.19%	-0.03 pts	0.18%	0.00 pts	0.18%	0.00 pts	0.16%	-0.01 pts	0.16%	0.00 pts	0.17%	0.00 pts	0.18%
	Open Rate	20.2%			17.5%	-2.2 pts	18.7%	+0.8 pts	18.9%	+0.2 pts	17.6%	-1.3 pts	17.8%	+0.2 pts	17.6%	-0.2 pts	16.3%	-1.4 pts	16.80%	+0.5 pts	17.92%
	Opens	403.3 K			315.1 K	-21.9%	476.9 K	51.4%	480.0 K	0.6%	447.5 K	-6.8%	451.7 K	0.9%	397.3 K	-12.0%	414.7 K	4.4%	430.4 K	3.8%	3.82 M
Engagement	CTR	1.52%			0.78%	-0.7 pts	0.83%	+0.02 pts	2.08%	+1.2 pts	1.08%	-1.0 pts	1.50%	+0.4 pts	2.63%	+1.1 pts	0.89%	-1.7 pts	0.93%	+0.04 pts	1.36%
	Clicks	30.3 K			14.1 K	-53.4%	21.1 K	50.1%	52.7 K	149.2%	27.5 K	-47.8%	38.0 K	38.0%	59.4 K	56.4%	22.8 K	-61.6%	24.0 K	5.0%	289.9 K
	CTOR	7.5%			4.5%	-3.0 pts	4.4%	-0.1 pts	11.0%	+6.5 pts	6.1%	-4.8 pts	8.4%	+2.3 pts	14.95%	+6.5 pts	5.50%	-9.4 pts	5.57%	+0.1 pts	7.59%
	Bookings	491			125	-74.5%	221	76.8%	660	198.6%	304	-53.9%	303	-0.3%	470	55.1%	161	-65.7%	219	36.0%	3.0 K
Financials	Room Nights	1.4 K			259	-81.2%	530	104.6%	1.5 K	182.3%	720	-51.9%	692	-3.9%	980	41.6%	434	-55.7%	497	14.5%	7.0 K
Financials	Revenue	\$351.0 K			\$73.3 K	-79.1%	\$106.0 K	44.6%	\$327.1 K	208.7%	\$156.0 K	-52.3%	\$153.0 K	-1.9%	\$210.6 K	37.7%	\$82.3 K	-60.9%	\$119.1 K	44.7%	\$1.6 M
	Bookings/Dlvd (K)	\$0.25			\$0.07	-71.8%	\$0.09	25.0%	\$0.26	199.9%	\$0.12	-54.0%	\$0.12	-0.2%	0.21	74.3%	0.06	-69.7%	0.09	35.3%	0.14
Data source(s): Harmony an	d Omniture	*Last RCR eNew	saused for	MBV Laur	New Templat	e Vs. Jan '19															

UPDATED LEARNING AGENDA

Category	Initiative / Business Objective	Key Questions	Actions Taken
Newsletter Performance	 Establish new baseline KPI's Increase email KPI's through targeting and content optimization 	 How do readers engage with content? Can we improve clicks by optimizing content with additional data assets? Is frequency/cadence optimal for engagement? Are there technologies that will help improve content performance, learnings, and overall email engagement? 	 Created 3-month newsletter engagement baselines Used Epsilon Test & Roll technology to optimize subject lines
Segmentation	 Optimize targeting to drive 1:1 relevancy and engagement Ongoing refinement of new reader targeting criteria Maintain/improve KPI's for key CRM segments 	 How are new readers engaging with content? Are there proven tactics we can use to increase engagement? How does content that is specifically tailored to key segments (Sun Seekers, Well-Traveled Exec and Celebrators) impact their engagement and booking behavior? 	 Expanded segmentation to include luxury stayers at other brand Expanded segmentation to Residence owners (6 inclusions per year)

UPDATED LEARNING AGENDA

Category	Initiative / Business Objective	Key Questions	Actions Taken
Content	 Increase monthly impressions with ongoing subject line optimization Present content that drives valuable clicks Measure the effectiveness of various types of content and modules Optimize loyalty support tactics for win-win results 	 Do some content types drive more engagement than others? (trip modules, local content, lists, animation, videos) Does geo-targeting content help lift engagement? Which tactics work better than others? How does engagement differ when we send a longer message vs. a shorter one? What type of images lift engagement more than others? (light vs. dark, animation vs. lifestyle, people vs. no people) Are there any loyalty content engagement trends that can be leveraged to inform future newsletter content decisions? 	 Updated creative approach to include lighter images where possible Conducted CTA treatment test Leveraged learnings from social media study Linked key words in body copy to increase clicks Creative enhancements: mosaic module treatment, video gif, and animation
Personalization	 Drive relevancy and engagement that aligns with brand experience 	 What are the effects of personalization? Could personalization drive an aggregate, cumulative effect on overall engagement? What types of personalization tactics drive engagement the most? For key CRM segments? (name, type of content, imagery, data-driven/profile content like birthday or special occasion) 	 Refreshing Farm-to-Table localized hotel content Targeted content for Residence owners and CRM segments

JULY '19 NEWSLETTER: PERFORMANCE

SEGMENTS	DELIVERED	OPENS	OPEN%	CLICKS	CTR	CTOR	UNSUB	BKGS	RMNTS	REV/DEL	REVENUE
OTHER GUESTS	2.1 M	361.4 K	16.9%	28.0 K	1.3%	7.8%	0.19%	220	483	\$0.05	\$103.4 K
WELL-TRAVELED EXECUTIVES	100.6 K	23.6 K	23.5%	2.4 K	2.4%	10.1%	0.11%	33	99	\$0.24	\$24.6 K
SUN SEEKERS	87.1 K	22.4 K	25.7%	3.0 K	3.4%	13.4%	0.13%	11	22	\$0.05	\$4.3 K
THE CELEBRATORS	83.3 K	19.9 K	23.9%	2.4 K	2.9%	12.2%	0.11%	20	41	\$0.09	\$7.8 K
OCCASIONAL EXPLORERS	79.9 K	16.9 K	21.1%	1.6 K	1.9%	9.2%	0.14%	9	17	\$0.04	\$3.2 K
THE ASPIRERS	40.7 K	7.5 K	18.5%	600	1.5%	8.0%	0.13%	10	30	\$0.24	\$9.7 K
TOTAL	2.5 M	451.7 K	17.8%	38.0 K	1.5%	8.41%	0.18%	303	692	\$0.06	\$153.0 K

AUGUST '19 NEWSLETTER: PERFORMANCE

SEGMENTS	DELIVERED	OPEN	OPEN%	CLICKS	CTR	CTOR	UNSUB	BKGS	RMINTS	REV/DEL	REVENUE
OTHER GUESTS	1.90 M	317.7 K	16.71%	45.5 K	2.39%	14.32%	0.17%	382	766	\$0.08	\$146.4 K
WELL-TRAVELED EXECUTIVES	90.5 K	20.5 K	22.63%	3.5 K	3.90%	17.25%	0.14%	27	56	\$0.16	\$14.4 K
SUN SEEKERS	78.5 K	19.6 K	25.01%	3.9 K	4.95%	19.78%	0.13%	35	85	\$0.31	\$24.4 K
THE CELEBRATORS	74.7 K	17.5 K	23.47%	3.4 K	4.58%	19.53%	0.13%	14	42	\$0.22	\$16.8 K
OCCASIONAL EXPLORERS	72.7 K	15.2 K	20.85%	2.1 K	2.94%	14.08%	0.15%	8	16	\$0.03	\$2.5 K
THE ASPIRERS	36.5 K	6.8 K	18.55%	927	2.54%	13.69%	0.19%	4	15	\$0.17	\$6.2 K
TOTAL	2.25 M	397.3 K	17.62%	59.4 K	2.63%	14.95%	0.16%	470	980	\$0.09	\$210.6 K

SEPTEMBER '19 NEWSLETTER: PERFORMANCE

SEGMENTS	DELIVERED	OPEN	OPEN%	CLICKS	CTR	CTOR	UNSUB	BKGS	RMNTS	REV/DEL	REVENUE
OTHER GUESTS	2.14 M	328.0 K	15.33%	16.9 K	0.79%	5.17%	0.17%	114	295	\$0.03	\$54.5 K
WELL-TRAVELED EXECUTIVES	103.4 K	22.6 K	21.89%	1.6 K	1.56%	7.12%	0.12%	6	13	\$0.05	\$4.9 K
SUN SEEKERS	91.0 K	21.3 K	23.45%	1.6 K	1.72%	7.34%	0.13%	10	54	\$0.07	\$6.7 K
THE CELEBRATORS	86.5 K	18.8 K	21.73%	1.3 K	1.47%	6.77%	0.11%	19	56	\$0.14	\$12.5 K
OCCASIONAL EXPLORERS	85.8 K	16.7 K	19.53%	1.0 K	1.18%	6.03%	0.15%	5	5	\$0.01	\$1.0 K
THE ASPIRERS	42.5 K	7.2 K	17.06%	407	0.96%	5.62%	0.17%	7	11	\$0.06	\$2.7 K
TOTAL	2.55 M	414.7 K	16.27%	22.8 K	0.89%	5.50%	0.16%	161	434	\$0.03	\$82.3 K