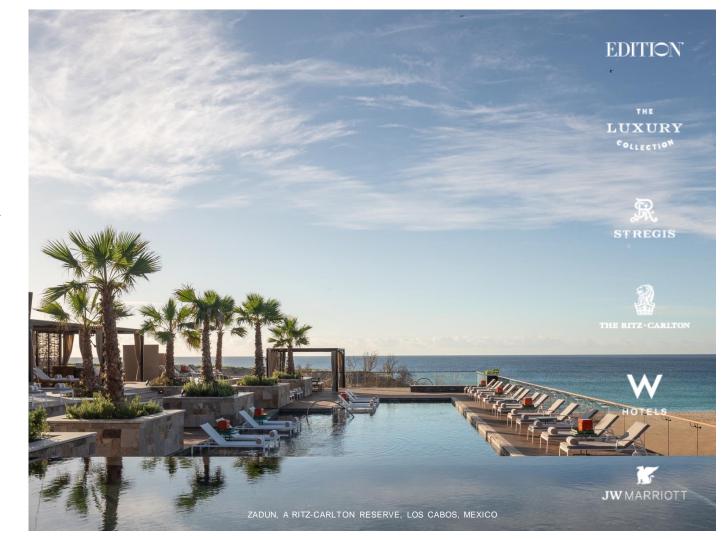
## Luxury MAU March 2022 Email Performance Review

April 12, 2022





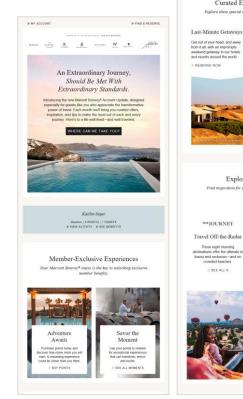


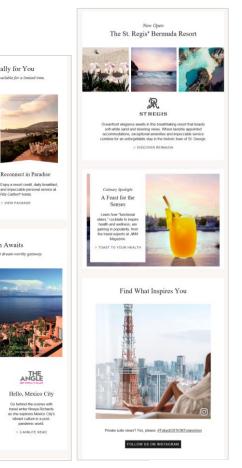
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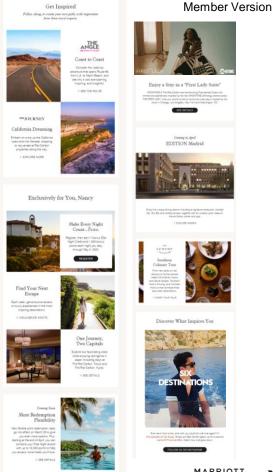
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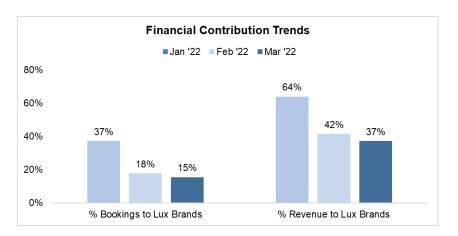
- Campaign continues to generate strong financial contributions towards luxury brands
  - 15.5% of email bookings went to luxury brands vs. 9.8% with Core MAU control group
- Engagement continues to align with other luxury mailings when comparing click and unsub. rates
- February was a stronger month in comparison, so fewer clicks and bookings were noticed in March
  - Consistent declines across all luxury segments and regions
  - February was the second strongest performing campaign since launching in August last year
  - March was more aligned with previous months engagement trends
- Despite MoM declines, several KPIs were above average reflecting positive audience health
  - · Below average unsubscribe rate, and above average room nights and revenue
- March offer content provided additional insights for future targeting recommendations by segment



## Most KPIs Aligned With 6-Mo. Average

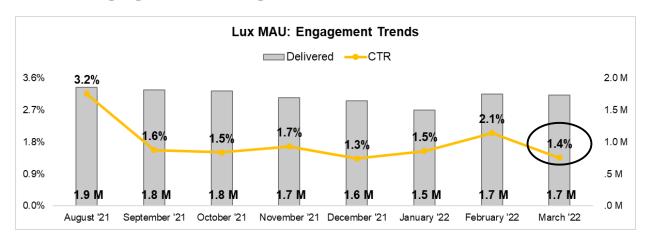
- March click activity was down compared to previous time periods, but audience health remained stable (low unsub rate)
- Longer stays drove above average revenue increase; MoM booking declines impacted brand contribution
- Feb was 2<sup>nd</sup> highest performing month since launch resulting in significant MoM declines; CTR, unsub rate, and bookings were all very strong

Metrics	March '22	vs. Avg.	МоМ
Delivered	1.7 M	+2.3%	-0.5%
Clicks	233.6 K	-14.2%	-39.0%
CTR	1.4%	-0.3 pts.	-0.7 pts.
Unsub Rate	0.06%	-0.03 pts.	+0.01 pts.
Bookings	336	-5.0%	-45.8%
Room Nts.	965	+14.8%	-36.4%
Revenue	\$227.4 K	+7.4%	-36.9%

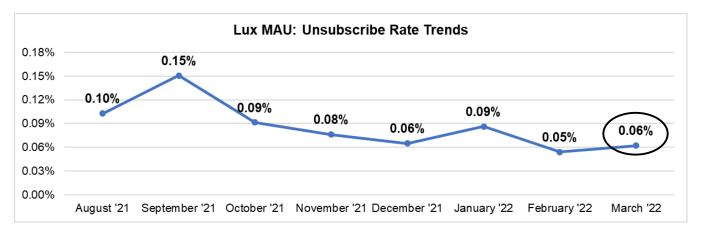




## **March Engagement Aligned With Previous Months**



1.4% CTR was within range of other months

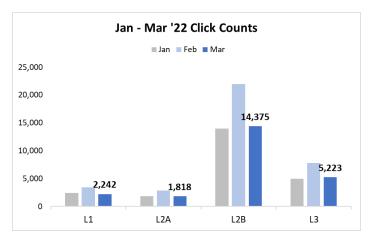


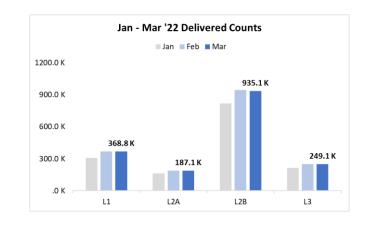
Low unsub. rate indicates strong audience health

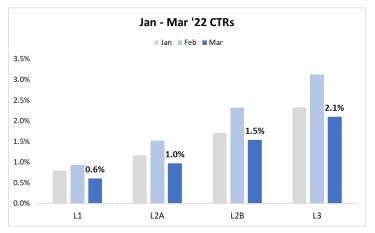


## **Consistent MoM Engagement Trends**

- March delivery counts were nearly the same MoM for all segments
  - L2B and L3 deliveries slightly down MoM of 1.0% and 0.4%, respectively
  - L1 and L2A saw slight increases MoM of 0.2% and 0.5%
- Generated one-third fewer clicks from all segments MoM; impacted CTRs
  - Most of the clicks went to the new hero module last month; new creative treatment drove engagement
  - Activity returned to January levels



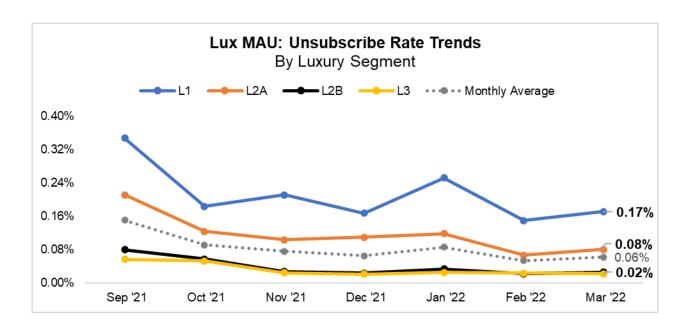






#### **Positive Unsubscribe Rate Trends**

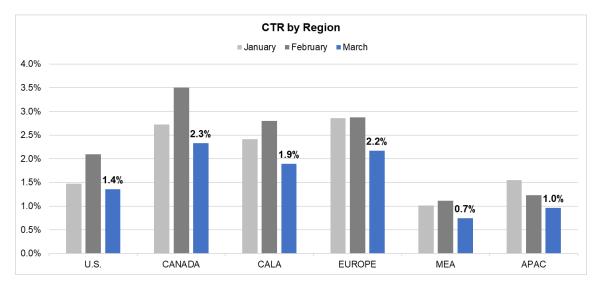
- Email content continues to engage readers; most months were below Bonvoy historical benchmark of 0.20%
- L2B and L3 continue to have rates below the Lux MAU monthly average
- L1 and L2A slightly above, but still strong overall





## **Consistent Regional Engagement**

- Deliveries were steady MoM for all regions with slight increases & decreases
- · Fewer click activity impacted click rates
  - Feb mailing was a good example of geo-targeting that drove relevancy; had several targeted modules and called out specific locations
  - March content approach was broader and road trip themed speaking to the quantity of hotel locations around the world
- Build upon Feb successes by looking for ways to enhance the global appeal in future mailings to drive clicks
  - Geo-target hero when possible and call out specific locations in body copy (consider geo-targeting the text)



Region	March '22 Delivered	МоМ
US	1.4 M	-0.6%
CANADA	52.3 K	+0.2%
CALA	13.0 K	-0.5%
EUROPE	54.1 K	-0.4%
MEA	72.6 K	+0.4%
APAC	135.8 K	-0.2%
Grand Total	1.7 M	-0.5%



# Similar Engagement Shifts MoM – All Levels

- Delivery counts shifted slightly MoM for all levels
- CTRs were down compared to Feb; consistent with overall engagement patterns for other key segments

		Mar '22	Engagement Trends
	Deliv.	128.7 K	MoM +0.4% (+520)
Non-Member	Non-Member CTR		
	Deliv.	627.4 K	MoM +0.2% (+1.5 K)
Basic	CTR	0.8%	
	Deliv.	208.0 K	MoM -0.3% (-619)
Silver	CTR	1.3%	
	Deliv.	374.6 K	MoM -0.6% (-2.4 K)
Gold	CTR	1.6%	
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	Deliv.	155.7 K	MoM -1.4% (-2.2 K)
Platinum	CTR	2.2%	
	Deliv.	199.9 K	MoM -2.1% (-4.2 K)
Titanium	CTR	2.4%	
	Deliv.	45.8 K	MoM -2.4% (-1.1 K)
Ambassador	CTR	2.1%	
	OIK	2.170	

#### March '22 Lux MAU A/B Test Results:

#### Segment Level Performance

Metrics	Test Group (Lux MAU)	Control Group (Core MAU)	Lift
Delivered	1,740,045	394,850	
CTR	1.4%	2.1%	-0.7 pts.
Unsub Rate	0.06%	0.04%	+0.02 pts.
Revenue	\$227,416	\$99,559	+128.4%
Rev/Delivered	\$0.13	\$0.25	-48.2%
Rev to Lux Brands	37.1%	11.3%	+25.8 pts.
Total Bookings	336	174	+93.1%
Bkgs. to Lux Brands	15.5%	9.8%	+5.7 pts.

#### Hypothesis:

Sending a more tailored, relevant email to a targeted luxury audience will increase engagement

- Overall, Lux MAU continues to drive more bookings and revenue for luxury brands
- Stronger booking and revenue contributions compared to control group receiving Core MAU on the same day
- Click rate was lower in comparison, but both unsub rates were strong showing positive audience health

## **Engagement Aligns With Other Luxury Emails**

- Lux MAU engagement continues to align with other luxury mailings when looking at click activity and unsub. rates
- Stronger revenue per delivery in comparison and % contribution was similar to Luxury Escapes
- TRC brand was the only luxury brand booked in Ritz eNews by the luxury segments; another positive example supporting luxury communications and driving relevancy

Engagement	Data	for Luxury	/ Segments	Only

March 2022	Lux MAU	Ritz eNews	Luxury Escapes
Delivered	1.7 M	1.1 M	1.7 M
Clicks	23.7 K	19.3 K	13.1 K
CTR	1.4%	1.8%	0.79%
Unsub. Rate	0.06%	0.14%	0.07%
Bookings	336	14	157
Revenue	\$227.4 K	\$8.7 K	\$124.5 K
Rev/Del	\$0.13	\$0.01	\$0.07
% Bkgs. to Lux	15.5%	35.7%	21.7%
% Rev to Lux	37.1%	68.1%	45.2%



## Lux MAU Segment Heat Maps: March 2022

(U.S. Version)



- Account box and Brand Features pulled engagement from Hero for most segments
- Strong click activity with GloPro for L2A through L3 segments; L1 was least engaged if offer content
- L2B and L3 were more interested in redemption messaging than other lower content
- Moments content drove nearly the same engagement from all segments

Module	L1	L2A	L2B	L3	Total
HEADER	14.8%	16.6%	12.9%	12.0%	13.1%
Hero: Road Trip	18.1%	17.0%	18.1%	20.6%	18.6%
Brand Features	18.3%	25.6%	25.0%	22.9%	24.0%
EDITION	5.3%	7.3%	8.8%	7.7%	8.1%
St. Regis	5.9%	8.1%	6.8%	6.6%	6.8%
The Luxury Collection	7.1%	10.2%	9.3%	8.6%	9.0%
Member Account Box	18.1%	24.4%	20.0%	19.0%	19.9%
Inspiration	5.9%	3.3%	6.4%	7.1%	6.3%
California Dreaming	3.8%	2.2%	3.9%	4.6%	3.9%
Coast to Coast	2.0%	1.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%
Offers	3.7%	5.0%	11.0%	11.5%	10.0%
Global Promo	1.7%	3.8%	9.8%	10.3%	8.8%
Escape to Luxury.	1.1%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
TRC Japan	1.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Loyalty: Flexible Redemption			2.0%	3.3%	2.0%
Loyalty: Moments (Showtime)	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%
New Opening: EDITION Madrid	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	0.9%	1.1%
Culinary	1.5%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%
Instagram	1.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Footer	16.6%	5.0%	1.0%	0.5%	2.5%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

#### **Offer Content Recommendations**

- Engagement in offer content was monitored each month from Dec '21 through Mar '22
- Responses were mixed across segments, but L1 consistently had the lowest performance
- Global Promo was a consistent top performer with L2A, L2B, and L3; type of promotion will be a factor in engagement going forward and should be considered when including in Lux MAU

Month	Offers
Dec	Escapes, Ritz Reconnect
Jan	Escapes, Plan Ahead/Save
Feb	Escapes, Q1 GloPro, EDITION
Mar	Escapes, Q1 GloPro, Ritz JPN

Luxury Segment	Offer Content Observations (Dec '21 – Mar '22)	Recommendations
<b>L1</b> Lux Only	<ul> <li>Least engaged with offer content</li> <li>CTRs were nearly the same regardless of offer type</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Target GloPro offer to the non-openers/clickers of Promo announcement</li> <li>Leverage Core MAU control group and regional campaigns for deeper targeting insights</li> </ul>
<b>L2A</b> High User	<ul> <li>Low but consistent engagement on offer content, especially Global Promo</li> <li>Evidence of slight offer fatigue with Escape to Luxury</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to show offer content, but consider frequency to avoid engagement fatigue (rest every couple of months)</li> <li>Leverage insights from Core MAU control group to better understand which offers perform best</li> </ul>
<b>L2B</b> Low User	<ul><li>Strongest engagement with offer content</li><li>Global Promo drove highest offer engagement</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to feature offer content, especially GloPro</li> <li>Consider elevating content (module size and/or placement)</li> </ul>
L3 Redeem Only	<ul><li>High engagement with offer content</li><li>Global Promo drove highest offer engagement</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to feature offer content, especially Global Promotions</li> <li>Consider elevating content (module size and/or placement)</li> </ul>



### **Hero CTA Copy Test Results**

- Targeting hero module with CTA copy test to understand which tactics will lift overall engagement
  - CTA 1: SEE THE PROPERTIES (Challenger)
  - CTA 2: PLAN YOUR ROUTE (Control)
- Challenger drove more hero CTA clicks and a higher CTR than Control version
  - · Additional bookings were also captured; Control version only had 5 bookings in total
- Consider additional testing in Q2/3 to better understand engagement patterns



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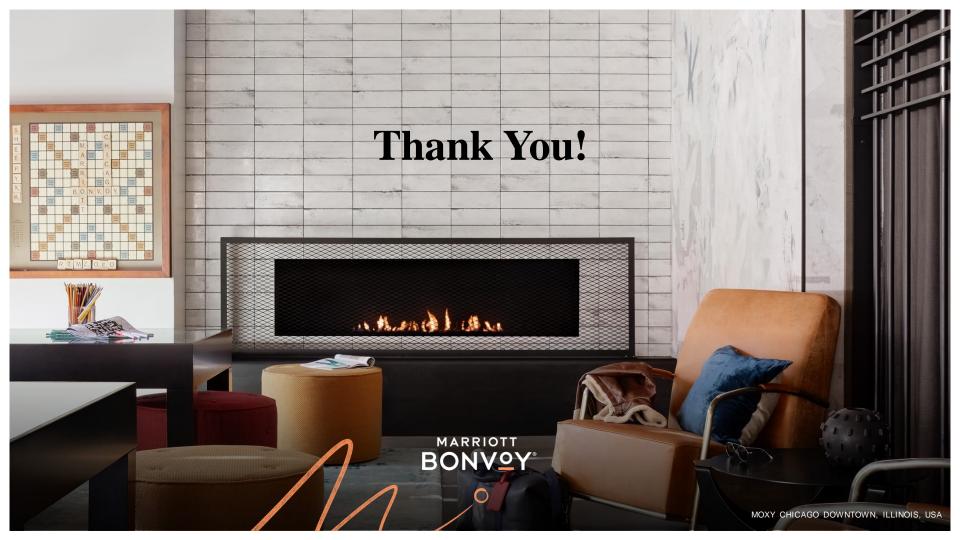
Results by Segment	L1	L2A	L2B	L3	Total
Challenger: "See The Properties"					
Total Delivered	184,629	94.4 K	501.5 K	132.9 K	913.5 K
Module Clicks	300	219	1.9 K	775	3.2 K
Module Clicks Lift	+15%	+45%	+59%	+64%	+53%
Module CTR	0.16%	0.23%	0.37%	0.58%	0.35%
Module CTR Lift	+0.02 pts.	+0.07 pts.	+0.10 pts.	+0.18 pts.	+0.10 pts.
Module Bookings		1	17	5	23



## Recommendations

- Build upon Feb successes by looking for ways to enhance global appeal in future mailings to drive clicks
  - Geo-target hero when possible and call out specific locations in body copy (consider geo-targeting the text)
- Vary offer content by luxury segment going forward
  - L1 = Target GloPro offer to the non-openers/clickers of Promo announcement
  - L2A = Continue to show offer content, but consider frequency to avoid engagement fatigue (rest every couple of months)
  - L2B & L3 = Continue to feature offers, especially GloPro; consider elevating content (module size and/or placement)
  - All Segments = Leverage insights from Core MAU control group to better understand which offers perform best, plus
    any offer engagement from regional campaigns for deeper geo-targeting insights
- Content analysis and targeting recommendations by luxury segment planned for Q1 review
- Consider additional hero CTA copy testing in Q2/3 to better understand engagement patterns





## **Hero CTA Copy Test Results**

- CTA 1: SEE THE PROPERTIES (Challenger)
- CTA 2: PLAN YOUR ROUTE (Control)

HERO CTA Performance Results	L1	L2A	L2B	L3	Total
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Module CTR Lift	+0.02 pts.	+0.07 pts.	+0.10 pts.	+0.18 pts.	+0.10 pts.
Module Bookings		1	17	5	23
Control CTA Copy "Plan"					
Total Delivered	184,136	92.7 K	433.6 K	116.1 K	826.6 K
Module Clicks	260	151	1.2 K	473	2.1 K
Module CTR	0.14%	0.16%	0.27%	0.41%	0.25%
Module Bookings			4	1	5





## Luxury MAU Targeting Criteria

Segment Name	Segment Description		
L1	All stays are luxury		
L2A	>= 50% of stays are luxury		
L2B	< 50% of stays are luxury		
L3	All luxury stays are paid by bonus points		



## Performance Metrics: Luxury MAU, March 2022

Segment Code	Delivered	Opens	Open Rate	Clicks	CTR	CTOR	Unsub Rate	Bookings	Room Nts.	Revenue
L1 LUX ONLY	368.8 K	68.5 K	18.6%	2.2 K	0.6%	3.3%	0.17%	14	32	\$9.9 K
L2A HIGH USER	187.1 K	36.4 K	19.4%	1.8 K	1.0%	5.0%	0.08%	17	49	\$17.9 K
L2B LOW USER	935.1 K	98.6 K	10.5%	14.4 K	1.5%	14.6%	0.03%	229	593	\$162.1 K
L3 REDEEM ONLY	249.1 K	30.1 K	12.1%	5.2 K	2.1%	17.4%	0.02%	76	197	\$37.6 K
Total	1.7 M	233.6 K	13.4%	23.7 K	1.4%	10.1%	0.06%	336	871	\$227.4 K



## Luxury Escapes Performance: March 2022

- Subject Line:
- Preheader:

Segment Code	Delivered	Opens	Open Rate	Clicks	CTR	CTOR	Unsub Rate
L1 LUX ONLY	273.8 K	51.1 K	18.7%	1.2 K	0.43%	2.3%	0.20%
L2A HIGH USER	153.9 K	28.7 K	18.7%	.9 K	0.61%	3.3%	0.09%
L2B LOW USER	966.8 K	190.1 K	19.7%	8.0 K	0.83%	4.2%	0.04%
L3 REDEEM ONLY	269.2 K	59.7 K	22.2%	3.0 K	1.11%	5.0%	0.04%
Everyone Else	366.0 K	69.6 K	19.0%	2.7 K	0.74%	3.9%	0.12%
Total	2.0 M	399.3 K	19.7%	15.9 K	0.78%	4.0%	0.08%