

December 2016 **Marriott Rewards Email Program Review**

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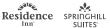










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December 2016 Summary Program Review

December 2016 Key Storylines

- High monthly delivery generated low bookings due to non-booking focus of Solos & eNews,
 MRCC
- 30 Days of Members Get it campaign concluded & overall cohesively integrated 17 independent initiatives & featured in nearly half of emails delivered
- * eNews Year in Review generated high Open% & low CTO% consistent with previous YIRs
- ❖ Destinations generated the 3rd highest CTO% leveraging the successful Sept format
- * Hotel Specials underperformed due to seasonality, amount of content, & day of deployment
- Test Summary: eBreaks creative, MRCC CTA button & offer, Hotel Specials/Offers no body copy, subject line optimization

Program & campaign performance overview

eNews + HS +

		Program	Benefits	Offers	Dest.	Solos	Lifecycle	MRCC	METT
	Audience*	19.0 M							
	Addience	+1.3%							
	Total	99.5 M	13.7 M	10.4 M	12.2 M	25.4 M	4.8 M	27.7 M	5.3 M
ence	Delivered	34.6%	23.4%	17.4%	37.2%	2.0%	50.0%	158.3%	-14.6%
Audience	Lleavib Data	0.19%	0.14%	0.17%	0.16%	0.17%	0.28%	0.24%	0.25%
	Unsub Rate	-0.1 pts	0.1 pts	-0.1 pts	-0.2 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.1 pts	0.0 pts
	Deliane Bata	99%	99%	100%	99%	99%	97%	99%	95%
	Delivery Rate	N/A	N/A	2.9 pts	0.3 pts	2.0 pts	1.9 pts	0.4 pts	-0.8 pts
		23.3%	25.3%	17.9%	22.4%	26.3%	31.4%	21.2%	20.9%
	Open Rate	-0.2 pts	-0.7 pts	-0.9 pts	5.3 pts	-0.1 pts	-1.8 pts	0.8 pts	-2.8 pts
	Opens	23.2 M	3.5 M	1.9 M	2.7 M	6.7 M	1.5 M	5.9 M	I.I M
ᇦ		33.7%	19.9%	11.6%	80.0%	1.7%	41.7%	168.4%	-24.8%
Engagement	Click Rate	1.4%	2.2%	1.1%	1.4%	1.6%	5.0%	0.5%	0.6%
gage		-0.7 pts	-0.4 pts	-0.6 pts	0.5 pts	-1.2 pts	-1.6 pts	-0.0 pts	-0.2 pts
ம்	III: CFI	1.4 M	307.8 K	116.4 K	164.9 K	414.7 K	239.9 K	129.4 K	34.2 K
	Unique Clicks	-8.8%	3.5%	-22.5%	129.5%	-41.4%	14.1%	134.4%	-31.8%
	Click to Open	6.1%	8.9%	6.3%	6.0%	6.2%	16.0%	2.2%	3.1%
	Rate	-2.8 pts	-1.4 pts	-2.8 pts	1.3 pts	-4.6 pts	-3.9 pts	-0.3 pts	-0.3 pts
Γ		109.0 K	27.9 K	8.6 K	8.7 K	30.4 K	17.6 K	12.7 K	3.1 K
	Bookings	-11.5%	-18.8%	-42.1%	21.3%	-24.8%	10.0%	138.8%	-39.5%
	Revenue	\$37.8 M	\$9.3 M	\$3.0 M	\$3.3 M	\$10.9 M	\$6.4 M	\$3.8 M	\$1.1 M
cial		-9.5%	-23.6%	-41.7%	46.6%	-12.1%	2.8%	113.2%	-38.4%
Financial	Conversion Rate	7.7%	9.1%	7.4%	5.3%	7.3%	7.3%	9.8%	9.0%
		-0.2 pts	-2.5 pts	-2.5 pts	-4.7 pts	1.6 pts	-0.3 pts	0.2 pts	-I.I pts
	Bookings per	1.1	2.0	8.0	0.7	1.2	3.7	0.5	0.6
	Delivered(K)	-34.3%	-34.2%	-50.7%	-11.6%	-26.3%	-26.7%	-7.5%	-29.1%

YoY bookings fell 11% & booking per delivered fell 35%

eNews/Benefits Year in Review theme generated CTO% & Conv% lows (excluding WHPH)

Hotel Specials/Offers CTO% and Conv% were negatively impacted by seasonality & overall less content

Destinations generated 3rd highest CTO% YTD leveraging Sept's successful layout

The highest volume **Solos** were focused on Account linkage & MRCC acquisition which decreased CTO%

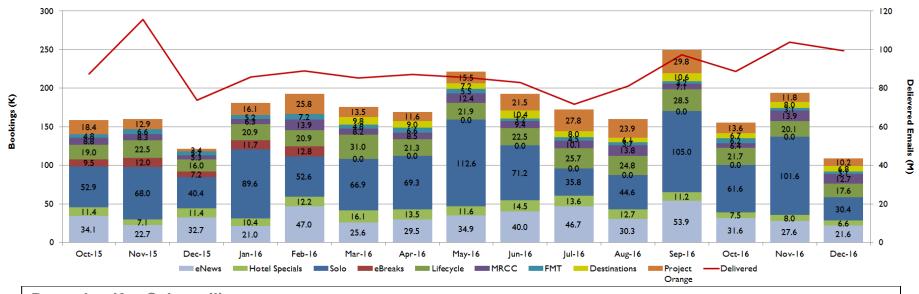
Lifecycle YoY KPI decreases consistent with Onboarding launch and due to attrition in Anniversary & Hello Again

MRCC acquisition email was sent twice with little decrease in KPIs between mailings

 $^{^*}$ Calculated using Mailable Openers ** from Active, Inactive, and Non Member Counts

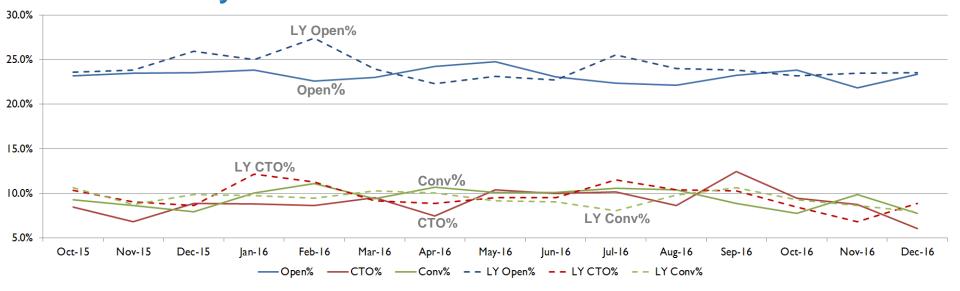
^{**} Total Mailable minus anyone who has not clicked/opened an email in past 15 months

High MRCC volume & Link Account Reminder did not translate into bookings



December Key Solo mailings		Delivered / Bk/Del			Delivered / Bk/Del
MR I	CC (2 mailings) G Link Reminder Marriott ndoned Search	27.6 M / 0.5 11.3 M / 1.3 9.4 M / 0.1 318.2 K / 16.0	Dec '15:	Year in Review Points Expiration Mr. Marriott Holiday Abandoned Search	9.9 M / 1.3 3.8 M / 3.3 8.0 M / 0.7 200.2 K / 20.2

CTO% and Conv% were low even with seasonality considered



Observations:

- Open% was 1% above YTD average, driven by increases in Destinations Open% YoY
- Overall CTO% was the lowest since Jan'12 with lows from all campaign categories except Destinations
- Overall Conv% was the lowest since Jan'12 with below avg Conv% across nearly all campaigns

+ Key Storylines

30 Days of Members Get It overview

Increased consumer awareness & engagement to specific initiatives thru a member-centric, cohesive & recognizable campaign



30 Days Holiday Campaign

Increased consumer awareness & engagement to specific initiatives thru a member-centric, cohesive & recognizable campaign



2016 Mr. Marriott significantly increased donations



2016

SL: 30 Days: Thank You, [FNAME]



Observations

2016 version focused on charitable donations

- 384 total donations to 190 charities
- Mailing increased Week over week donations by 1820%

Year in Review eNews

High Open% & low CTO% consistent with previous years

- Overall, 2nd highest Open% in 2016
- Lowest CTO% since 2012

Lowest engagement of previous YIRs

- Slightly lower Open rates
- Lowest CTO & Conv%

Different elements:

- MR Year in Review feature content, prominence, positioning
- CTA over image
- Rendering issue below Near level bar to some Gmail users
- Delayed launch

Year in Review is still a compelling theme

- "Your Year in Review" SL has generated among the highest Open%
- Member 2016 activity box attracted the most section clicks by two-fold*
 - * excluding account box/header



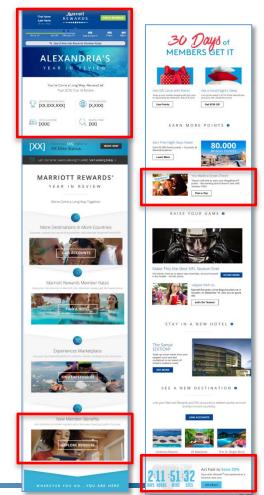
WHPH responded favorably to YIR

Content resonated with WHPH more than Core & TSAT (Fig 1)

- WHPH CTO% was 13% higher than non-promotional month avgs
- More content was relevant to WHPH
 - Account Box & Member activity
 - Explore New Benefits
 - MegaBonus

Would we benefit by giving WHPH one experience & Core/TSAT another?

Fig 1: WHPH above avg engagement



Year in Review content highlights

Gift cards & holiday shopping season continued to be a strong match (Fig 2)

- Generated 2x the clicks as Shop Marriott
- In top 5 of overall clicked content (excluding member activity stats & header)

Low engagement with Experiences & Moments (Fig 3)

- Experiences Marketplace generated lowest clicks out of the four YIR features
- NFL redemptions among lowest clicked content (even less to the Tailgate feature)

Interested in SPG properties (Fig 4)

 As 2nd to last content generated more clicks than Hotel Openings & NFL redemptions







eBreaks generated high clicks

- eBreaks generated more clicks than NFL Redemption, Hotel Openings, and SPG content combined
- eBreaks clicks were 12% higher than Q4 avg when most content clicks fell Was eBreaks the most attractive content available or does eBreaks have a loyal following"?

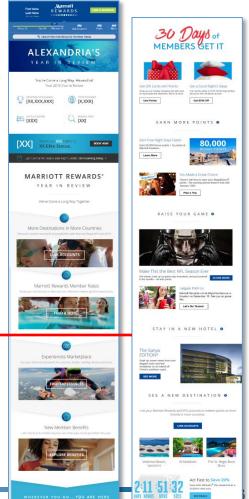
eBreaks should be leveraged as MVP eligible eNews content vs evergreen placement

- Only shows eBreaks to those that value it
- To those that value it, it is given higher visibility

Other potential content for MVP to consider

- Countdown eBreaks may appeal more to a specific audience
- New member benefits (for WHPH)
- Popular evergreen benefits (Breakfast offer)
- Florida destinations in Q4 (slide 15)
- Gift Cards

Fig 5: eBreaks generated the most clicks of any content below the red line



High engagement to Destinations following Sept layout

December Destinations Performance highlights:

- 2nd most clicks YTD
- "6 Must See Cities for 2017" generated 2nd most section clicks since launch

High number of featured items appeared to be a successful layout

Top clicked destinations:

- Key West (24.6% of section clicks)
- Barcelona (17.6%)
- Nashville (16.2%)

Florida destinations may be particularly attractive in Q4

Orlando was the most clicked destination in Nov

"PTO Planning" did not generate the kind of click engagement as other Travel tip content in previous months

These features can be the most engaging content & should be continued



Subject line testing validated PO segment trends

TSAT continued to prefer authoritative tones; WHPH preferred recommendations without an imperative

Destinations Core

- See These 6 Cities in 2017
- 6 Must-See Cities for 2017
- The Hottest cities for 2017 are...

Destinations TSAT

- 6 Must-See Cities for 2017*
- See These 6 Cities in 2017
- The Hottest cities for 2017 are...

Destinations WHPH

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Descriptors of winning subject line

Recommendation, CTA

Lists, Authoritative, Imperative

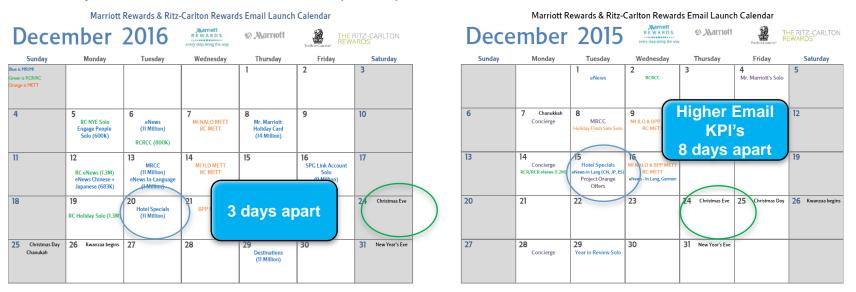
More recommendation than imperative

^{*}Statistically Significant Results

Sends around Christmas holidays may impact performance

Hotel Specials performance may have been impacted by Christmas Eve; YoY decreases: -5% Open% -31% CTO% -25% Conv% -52% bk/del

This also may have been a factor to Nov Hotel Specials performance & other instances



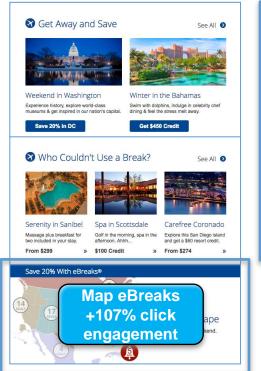
Confirming this trend can guide timing of touchpoints to maximize engagement

December testing summary

- ✓ Subject line optimization
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- eBreaks creative in Hotel Specials
- Hotel Specials/Offers no body copy
- MRCC CTA button

Like Oct, eBreaks "Map" received more clicks & offer body copy did not increase clicks

Control: Offer body copy & Map eBreaks Test: No body copy & Countdown eBreaks





Getaways & Experiences offers with **no body** copy generated higher click engagement

eBreaks Map generated significantly higher clicks than eBreaks Countdown

Both results are consistent with **Sept – Nov** trends despite muddied results

Takeaways

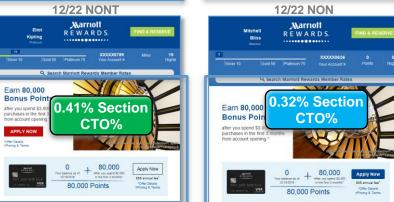
Likely little to no impact from removing Offer body copy in Hotel Specials

Use eBreaks Map over Countdown

CTA in Top Offer body copy attracted more clicks







Hypothesis:

CTA in main body copy will add more click engagement

Results:

- CTA in body helped attract more clicks to the Top Offer section
- While there was no incremental increase in campaign clicks, there were slightly more clicks to Apply Now links in the test version

Takeaways:

- There was a slight increase in Apply Now clicks with the CTA inclusion in Top Offer copy
- A retest may result in stronger results as the test version had unique CTAs

Notes:

- Red CTA in body copy for 2 MRCC mailings, 12/13 & 12/22
- Results consistent in both segments, Super & Non



Key Takeaways

December '16 Key Takeaways

Content Highlights

- Continue Year in Review theme in Dec: prominently feature member activity & explore opps to improve engagement through compelling offers or content
- Gift Cards are potent content during the holidays
- Members continue to engage poorly with Experiences & Moments redemptions
- Members are interested in SPG properties
- Continue to leverage Listicle layout for Destinations
- Apply learnings from PO subject lines to inform copy & positioning
 - WHPH: Non-authoritative TSAT: Authoritative, strong recommendations

MVP offer considerations

- eBreaks
- New member benefits
- Popular evergreen benefits

Testing learnings:

- · Map version of eBreaks is the current champion
- Removing offer body copy did not impact clicks in Hotel Specials
- Testing day of deployment around key holidays may help optimize performance



Competitive Insights

Holiday Activity

Wyndham Top offer positioning

Hilton Winter & Flash Sales





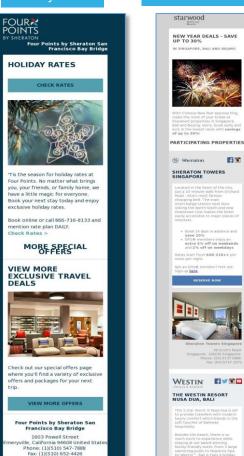






Starwood

Holiday rates



Terms & Conditions

Chinese New Year

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 Book 14 days in advance and save 10%
 SPOR members enjoy an extra 5% off on weekends and 2% off on weekdays

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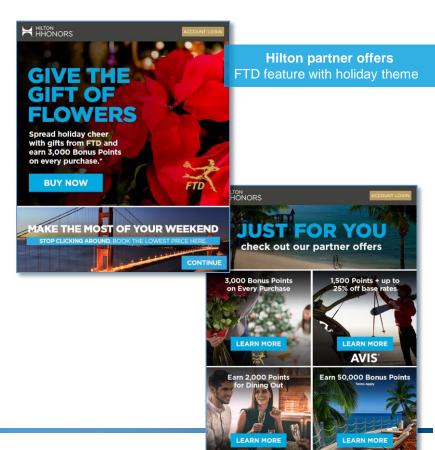
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Increase in Partner Solos with holiday focus

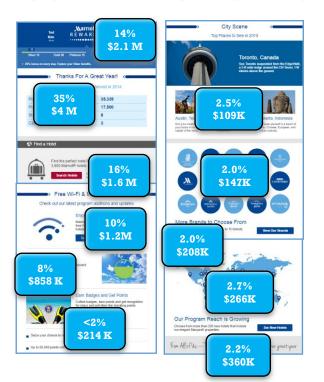
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Appendix

Year in Review eNews





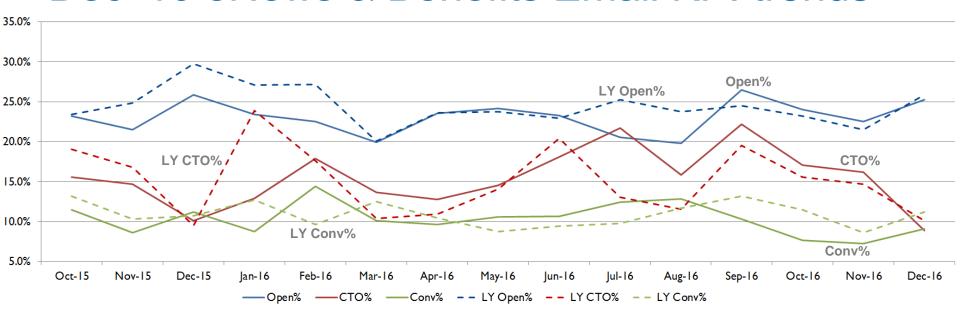






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Dec '16 eNews & Benefits Email KPI trends



Observations

- 2nd highest Open% YTD continued to validate member interest in Year in Review theme, as well as, MR communications during Christmas
- Lowest CTO% to date suggesting disconnect to member's expectations to Year in Review & content
- Conv% was slightly below YTD average, consistent with Q4 trends

December Non-Member eNews

Non-Member eNews

Now is a Great Time to Join, [FNAME]

December	Delivered	Enrollments C	ents Clicks EIR Revenue Open% CTO% Cor	Enrollments Clicks EIR Open% CTO% Conv%		Clicks	Open%	CTO%	Cony%	Enroll/	Unsub%
Non-Member	Belivered			Revenue	Орени	7.0	C 0111770	Del (K)	Onsub/o		
eNews	1.1 M	474	3.4 K	\$15.2 K	19.2%	1.6%	13.8%	43.5%	0.57%		

Observations

Non-Member acquisition efforts were expanded from 76 K Non-Members (PO WHPH & TSAT only) to 1.1 M selected Non-Members

While Open & Click to open rates were on the lower end of what WHPH & TSAT efforts have generated, the enrollment rate was roughly the same at 13%

MR YIR section received the majority of clicks:

- Join + Link Accounts = 57.2% of section clicks
- Find a Hotel = 23.0% of section clicks
- Explore Benefits = 13.0% of section clicks
- Find Experiences = 4.3% of section clicks
- You Are Here = 2.6% of section clicks



eBreaks

10% clks. 3 bks

Dec '16 Hotel Specials Core link analysis

Observations

Hotel Specials generated the least amount of clicks since 2013 & 2nd lowest Conv% YTD

 In addition to expected seasonality, Dec featured the least amount of content in the past 5 months

Overall click engagement to template elements hit near lows

- Account Box generated he lowest click volume since Jan '15
- Clicks to Search were the lowest since Nov '15
- Field Offers generated 37.4% fewer clicks than 2016 avgs; there have been less cluster offers in 2016 than in previous years

Getaways generated below average clicks partially due to only 2 offer features

Experiences click volume was 21.2% above 2016 avg with most clicks going to Florida & Scottsdale offers (42% & 27% of clicks respectively)

• Featured MRCC click engagement was low (0.4% of total clicks)

eBreaks generated the most clicks since August



SPG Reminder # 2

SPG Account Linkage Solos	Delivered	Clicks	EIR Bookings	Open%	сто%	Conv%
Dec Reminder	11.3 M	247.4 K	14.2 K	25.3%	8.7%	5.7%
Oct Reminder	13.4 M	529.8 K	25.6 K	27.0%	14.7%	4.8%
Sep Launch	18.2 M	493.7 K	36.2 K	24.4%	11.2%	7.3%

Observations

- While CTO% was the lowest out of all mailings, the audience may be increasingly less likely to link accounts
- 7 targeted versions were sent, leveraging dynamic subject lines and copy to the following segments
 - Opened 1st Email
 - Members with MRCC
 - Didn't Open 1st Email (Silver status & US Only)
 - All other Members (US Only)
 - Gold Members:
 - Platinum Members:
 - ROTW Members

Sep Launch

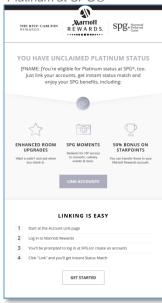
Marriott + *Starwood is Here,* [FNAME]



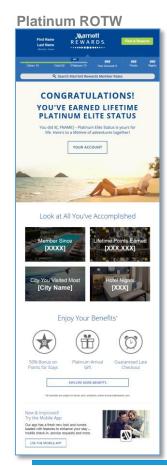
Oct Reminder Link to SPG, [FNAME]



Dec Reminder (Platinum) Your Status Match Offer: Platinum at SPG®



Lifetime Achiever generated the highest Open%





Elite Status Dec '16 Lifecycle	Delivered	EIR Bookings	EIR Revenue	Open%	сто%	Conv%	Bk/ Del (K)
Lifetime Achiever	286	22	\$8.4 K	81.5%	37.8%	25.0%	76.9
Achiever	68.7 K	2.5 K	\$996.9 K	66.5%	41.6%	13.4%	37.0
Renewer	11.7 K	255	\$88.3 K	63.6%	22.0%	15.5%	21.7

Observations

Generated 23% higher Open rates than Achiever & Renewers

- Highly qualified audience
- Highest recognition: Congrats! You've Earned Lifetime Status

Capitalize on similar recognitions as reasons to reach out, make members feel special & increase opportunities to promote program initiatives

- First Stay, redemption, upgrade....increase awareness to program features that facilitate further activity & growth
- Recognize Milestone achievements: 1000th Stay....

Bookings are low in December

M.com booking trends indicate bookings below monthly average

Average m.com Homepage % Change in Bookings & Revenue

Month	Average of Percent Difference Average of Perc	ent Difference Revenue
Jan	26.80%	49.43%
Feb	-7.89%	-10.31%
Mar	15.28%	13.44%
Apr	-6.56%	-5.89%
May	-0.96%	-1.26%
Jun	3.51%	1.81%
Jul	5.36%	4.37%
Aug	-12.13%	-12.87%
Sep	-1.59%	2.63%
Oct	2.73%	-0.71%
Nov	-3.92%	-8.82%
Dec	-5.31%	-7.57%

Chart shows monthly bookings & revenue against the average month per year, 2013-2015