## • MARRIOTT BONVOY EMAIL PROGRAM

First 8 Weeks Evaluation and March '19 Review





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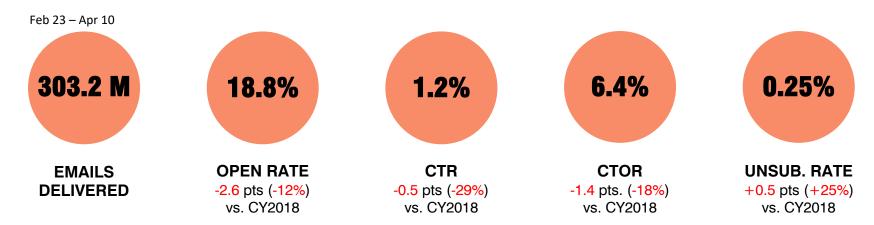
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## FIRST 8 WEEKS OF MARRIOTT BONVOY EMAIL PROGRAM



#### MARRIOTT BONVOY PROGRAM ENGAGEEMENT



- Engagement declines in open rate and click rates
- Unsub. rate is up 25% vs. 2018 avg; continue to monitor
- Factors influencing performance:
  - Few triggered campaigns have returned to market since OBOP; these typically have the highest engagement; recommend expediting relaunch
  - Much higher volume of Cobrand emails than pre-OBOP; Moments now 2x per month
  - Member Account Update launched on 3/30



#### **ESTABLISH NEW PROGRAM BASELINE KPIS**

Current performance allows us to begin establishing new email channel baselines at the campaign and program levels

Recommend setting baselines after 3<sup>rd</sup> program month (May 31) or 3<sup>rd</sup> campaign mailing

Feb 13 - April 23 Program Averages:

**18%**OPEN RATE

1% CTR

6% CTOR

UNSUB. RATE (monitor engagement)



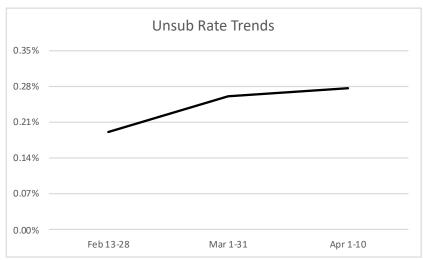
#### **MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS LAUNCH PLAN**

- Activity This Week & Next
  - Achievers & Renewers (ENG) tentative launch this week with translations to follow
  - Abandon Search internal kick off this week; relaunch planned for June
  - Welcome series 2 4 tentative launch next week
  - Incent Redemption taking a phased approach with ph.1 planned for end of Q2 deployment
- May/June Launch
  - On-Boarding refresh kick-off mid-May
  - Offers & Packages tentative launch June 6
  - Lifetime Achievers aiming to start deploying in June
- Future Launch
  - Near Level
  - Anniversary
  - Happy Birthday
  - Redemption Recognition



#### **ENGAGEMENT RATE TRENDS**





Open and CTO rates decreased over the time period and Unsub. rates increased

Look for opportunities and develop a plan to apply reengagement tactics to win back unengaged members early (90 days of inactivity)



#### **ELITES ARE STILL ENGAGING AT ABOVE AVERAGE RATES**

- Establish benchmarks after 3 months of OBOP
- Track seasonal and campaign-level trends

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Open Rate: 15.8%

CTR: 0.7%

CTOR: 4.7%

Unsub. Rate: 0.27%

#### **SILVER**

Open Rate: 21.5%

CTR: 1.5%

CTOR: 7.1%

Unsub. Rate: 0.16%

#### GOLD

Open Rate: 25.1%

CTR: 2.2%

CTOR: 8.7%

Unsub. Rate: 0.14%

#### PLATINUM (ALL)

Open Rate: 30.2%

CTR: 3.3%

CTOR: 11.1%

Unsub. Rate: 0.06%



#### **ELITES DRIVE EMAIL ENGAGEMENT (80/20 RULE)**

Made up 30% of Delivered and 80% Financials

Drove 1 in 4 Opens and nearly 60% of Clicks

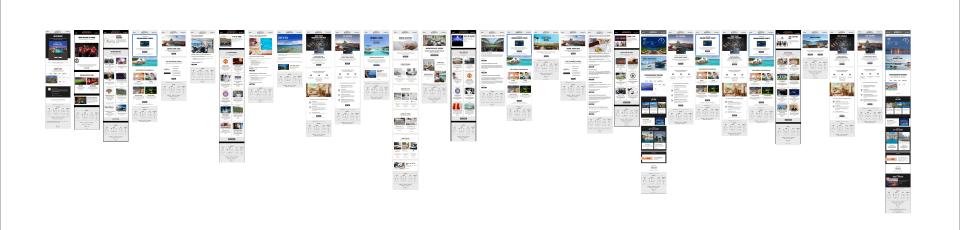
Are least likely to Unsubscribe

			% of Total		
	TOTAL	ELITES	BASICS	<b>ELITES%</b>	BASICS%
Total Mailable	18.8 M	3.5 M	15.3 M	19%	81%
Delivered	282.2 M	90.8 M	191.4 M	32%	68%
Opens	53.5 M	23.1 M	30.3 M	43%	57%
Clicks	3.5 M	2.1 M	1.4 M	60%	40%
Total Unsubs	625.6 K	113.6 K	512.0 K	18%	82%
Bookings	75.2 K	61.4 K	13.7 K	82%	18%
Room Nights	171.4 K	141.0 K	30.4 K	82%	18%
Revenue	\$29.6 M	\$24.1 M	\$5.4 M	82%	18%

- Recommend being selective and targeted with communications to Elite members
- Defining the value of an email address will help measure the financial impact of Elite unsubscribe rates



#### **SAMPLE INBOX FEB 13 – APRIL 30 (ELITE MEMBER)**



#### **HEAVY MIX OF COBRAND EMAILS IS AFFECTING ENGAGEMENT**

- Cobrand emails drove overall program engagement KPIs; they made up 26% of total delivered and 27% total unsubs for the time period
- Even though Cobrand contributed to YTD performance, it was not as bad as we thought with KPIs only slightly depressed YoY
- Cobrand acquisition email engagement is typically lower than other communications; this is evident despite having high-value LTOs in market
  - Of all the Partner and Solo emails, Cobrand made up 38% of the total and had some of the lowest engagement
  - Third lowest open rate of 14%, lowest CTOR of 2%, and resulted in 262K unsubs (0.25%)
- Improve Cobrand Solo email targeting strategy; promote only one card product at a time to those with the highest chance of acquisition



#### **COBRAND ACQUISITION GOALS: YTD PERFORMANCE**

#### Chase

- Acquired 9,096 new accounts between 1/1 3/31
- 48% of them from March
- 20% behind goal of 45,730 and down 10% YoY
- Amex (2/21 4/11)
  - Brilliant: 1,435 new accounts (NAA)
    - Currently on track with 9,900 YE goal
  - Business: 1,665 new accounts (NAA)
    - Currently behind 7,263 YE goal



#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Further analysis on former program affiliation
  - Compare post-OBOP email performance to prior programs (MR/SPG/RCR), to determine if we should handle specific audience segments differently
- Expedite the relaunch of timely, relevant member comms. to lift engagement KPIs
- Define strategy for an earlier reengagement touch point that targets members that have not opened or clicked an email in 3-6 months



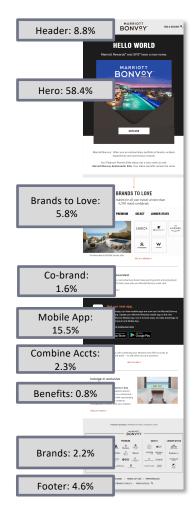
#### **RECOMMENDATIONS: COBRAND**

- Show prospects only the card offer for which they have the highest propensity instead of all possible offers; currently sending acquisition emails for more than one card product
- Evaluate cobrand email approach to avoid over-messaging
  - Focus on those with propensity to enroll
  - Re-target only openers who did not apply
- Look for ways to integrate cobrand into other campaigns rather than solos
  - Core monthly campaigns: MAU, Offers & Packages, Traveler
  - Relaunch high-engagement automated triggers that can include cobrand placements, e.g., Points Expiration, Abandoned Search, Birthday (underway for Welcome emails 2-4)



## **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**





#### FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> OBOP LAUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT

24.7 M 20.4% 10.9% 0.16% Delivered Open Rate CTOR Unsub. Rate

> 14.2 K 31.8 K \$5.35 M Bookings **Room Nights** Revenue

- Campaign engagement above avg. for time period and drove over \$5M in revenue
- Members, especially Elites, were interested in launch with above average open and CTO rates
- Limited clicks throughout message suggest this could have been a 2 touch campaign approach
  - 1<sup>st</sup> touch = hello postcard
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> touch = highlight breadth of portfolio and benefit education



#### FEB 13TH OBOP ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Member Level Engagement:

- Basics and Elites had similar click patterns
- Hero, App, and Brand Education content were top 3 for all members; over 70% of clicks

Level	Delivered	Open Rate	CTR	CTOR	Unsub Rate
BASIC	19.3 M	17.6%	1.3%	7.2%	0.19%
SILVER	2.2 M	24.1%	3.3%	13.7%	0.10%
GOLD	1.6 M	31.6%	6.0%	19.1%	0.10%
PLATINUM (AII)	1.6 M	38.0%	8.7%	22.9%	0.03%
TOTAL	24.7 M	20.4%	2.23%	10.9%	0.16%



MEMBERS

# **BASIC MEMBER**





#### WELCOME EMAIL 1 LAUNCHED ON FEB 20TH



Feb 20 – Apr 10

861.1 K	26.6%	6.4%	23.9%
Delivered	Open Rate	CTR	CTO Rate
0.54%	2.1 K	\$375.7 K	1.6%
Unsub. Rate	Room Nights	Revenue	Conversion

- Launched the first email in a series of 4 in Orchestration; emails 2-4 launching soon
- Open and click engagement above program avg.
- Successfully drove a 2% conversion from new members and 1 booking per K emails delivered
- Partnering with CX to track overall campaign & email level engagement, benchmarks, and incrementality
- Steps to expand MVP content options underway



#### MONTHLY ACCOUNT UPDATE (MAU) LAUNCHED MARCH 30TH



30.6 M	20.9%	9.0%
Delivered	Open Rate	CTOR
0.29%	22.4 K	\$3.9 M
Unsub. Rate	Room Nights	Revenue

- Engagement rates are above program average
- Subject line optimization lifted open rates; plans underway for ongoing optimization
- Continue to monitor overall engagement and for key modules; establish benchmarks after 3 mailings
- Unsub. rate was higher than average; possible impact from other program related messages



### **MARCH 2019 EMAIL REVIEW**

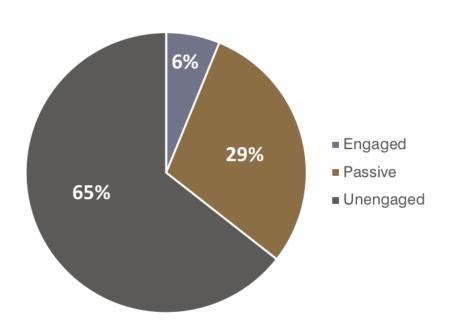


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#### 35% OF MEMBERS ENGAGED IN MARCH '19 EMAILS



35% of members are opening and clicking on emails in March 2019

Establishing new MBV benchmarks for ongoing comparison & trends

Enhance reporting to see engagement by key segments (i.e. member level and country)



#### **MARCH 2019 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

- First full month of Marriott Bonvoy email campaigns; drove over \$19M in revenue and 107K room nights with limited booking focused emails
- Cobrand and other Solo's drove delivery counts; Promo & MAU drove financials

#### Engagement

194.9 M Emails Delivered

**18.3%**Open Rate
-3.2 pts vs. 2018 Avg.

**6.8%**CTO Rate
-1.0 pts vs. 2018 Avg.

**0.26%**Unsub. Rate
+1.0 pts vs. 2018 Avg.

**Financials** 

**107.8 K**Room Nights
+27% vs. 2018 Avg.

\$19.1 M Revenue +27% vs. 2018 Avg.

1.9% Conversion Rate -0.11 pts vs. 2018 Avg. **\$0.24**BPK
-30% vs. 2018 Avg.

#### **MARCH 2019 EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD**

Metrics	ATM	Brand BPP	Cobrand	MAU	METT	Promo	RTM	Solo	Total
Sent	4.9 M	8.4 M	34.6 M	31.9 M	26.5 M	23.6 M	474.9 K	70.4 M	200.9 M
Delivered	4.9 M	8.2 M	34.3 M	30.7 M	26.0 M	22.7 M	419.1 K	67.7 M	194.9 M
<b>Delivery Rate</b>	99.2%	98.0%	98.9%	96.1%	98.0%	96.0%	88.3%	96.2%	97.0%
Opens	1.0 M	1.9 M	5.4 M	6.4 M	5.0 M	4.5 M	116.5 K	11.4 M	35.6 M
Open Rate	20.2%	22.8%	15.9%	20.9%	19.1%	19.6%	27.8%	16.8%	18.3%
Clicks	115.7 K	111.4 K	118.2 K	577.4 K	128.4 K	634.2 K	29.1 K	704.2 K	2.4 M
CTR	2.4%	1.4%	0.3%	1.9%	0.5%	2.8%	6.9%	1.0%	1.2%
CTOR	11.8%	6.0%	2.2%	9.0%	2.6%	14.24%	25.0%	6.2%	6.8%
Unsubs	8.0 K	28.4 K	81.1 K	88.4 K	53.8 K	66.4 K	2.1 K	177.8 K	505.9 K
Unsub Rate	0.16%	0.35%	0.24%	0.29%	0.21%	0.29%	0.49%	0.26%	0.26%
Bookings	2.6 K	1.7 K	1.3 K	10.1 K	4.1 K	19.6 K	521	7.8 K	47.6 K
<b>Room Nights</b>	5.9 K	3.9 K	2.8 K	22.6 K	9.6 K	45.1 K	1.2 K	18.3 K	109.4 K
Revenue	\$1.0 M	\$.8 M	\$.5 M	\$3.9 M	\$1.8 M	\$7.7 M	\$218.5 K	\$3.2 M	\$19.1 M
Conversion	2.23%	1.48%	1.11%	1.75%	3.18%	3.09%	1.79%	1.10%	1.97%
ВРК	0.53	0.20	0.04	0.33	0.16	0.86	1.24	0.11	0.24

Solo & Cobrand had highest % of delivered emails at a combined 52% (35% & 17% respectively)

Promo made up 41% of monthly room nights and MAU 21%

New baselines will be established for categories



## **Key Initiatives & Campaign Highlights**

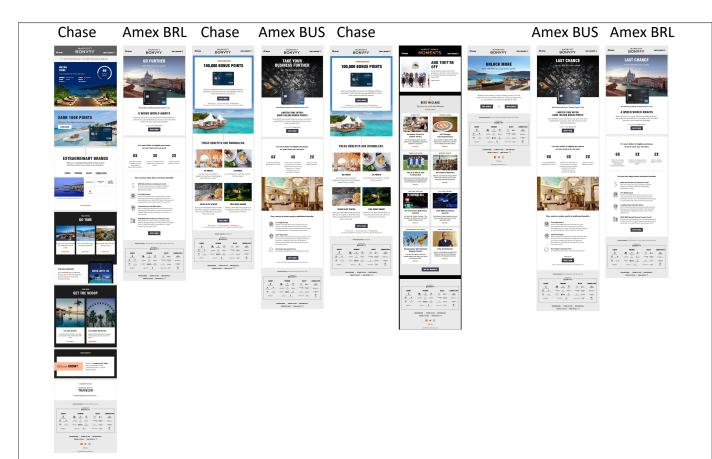


## SAMPLE APRIL INBOX: COBRAND

Actual inbox of an Elite Member in 3/30 – 4/17

7 touches in two weeks

MAU with prominent Cobrand offer + 6 Solo emails featuring different card products





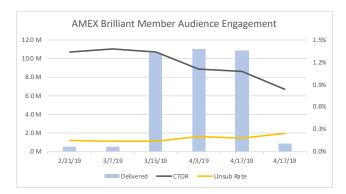
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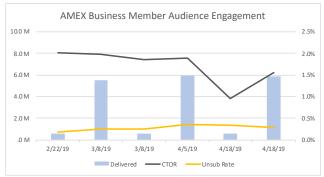
- Delivered 56.8M acquisition emails promoting both card products
  - Open rate of 13.9% is 23% below YTD program average
  - CTOR of 1.5% is 75% below YTD program average
  - Unsubscribe rate of 0.24% is slightly below average of 0.25%
- Audiences that overlap card products were getting several acquisition emails in a week; sometimes within days of each other
- Cobrand team will revisit marketing tactics and email targeting rules reducing the frequency of offers/products emailed to members while working to meet goals

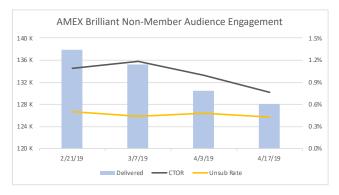


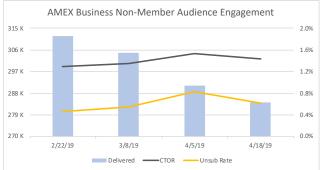
#### **COBRAND EMAIL ENGAGEMENT (AMEX)**

#### CTO and unsub rate engagement declined over time for both card products











#### **COBRAND EMAIL SUPPORT: CHASE BOUNDLESS**

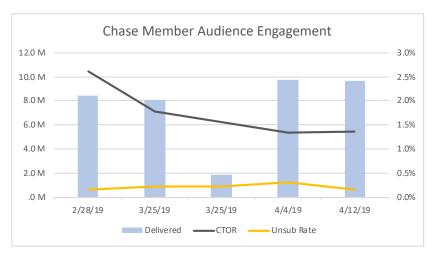
- Delivered 45.3M acquisition emails promoting the Boundless card; engagement is just slightly above the Amex emails
  - Open rate of 13.9% is 23% below YTD program average
  - CTOR of 1.7% is 72% below YTD program average
  - Unsubscribe rate of 0.28% is above average of 0.25%
- KPI increases are possible with a more narrow, highly targeted audience that will deliver the same new account results
- Cobrand team will revisit marketing tactics and email targeting rules reducing the frequency of offers/products emailed to members while working to meet goals

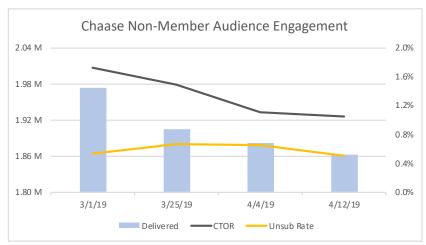


#### **COBRAND EMAIL ENGAGEMENT (CHASE)**

CTO and unsub rates declined over time for both members & non-members

Bank tracking for initial vs. remails needed in order to show value of all touch points & targeting







#### **DOUBLE TAKE PROMOTION: EMAIL SUPPORT**

22.6 M 19.7% 14.2%

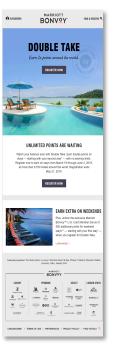
Delivered Open Rate CTOR

-1.3 pts vs Mar. Avg. +7.5 pts vs Mar. Avg.

509.2 K 44.8 K \$7.6 M Registrations\* Room Nights Revenue

- Promo emails launched 3/12 to 22.6M members and non-members; support provided in MAU
- Announcement open rates are +7% above March program avg. – used simplicity & personalization
  - {FirstName}, Earning is Easy with Double Take
  - {FirstName}, Earn Double Points Around the World
- CTOR is more than double the March avg.; copy highlighted unlimited earning potential
- Working on featuring promo in Welcome+ soon

Announcement: 3/12 Reg. Confirmation







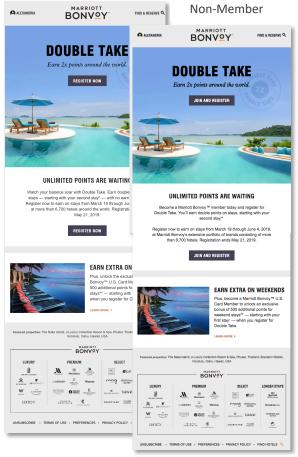
MAU: 3/30



#### **DOUBLE TAKE ANNOUNCEMENT: 3/12**

22.1 M 19.1% 14.5% 40.7 K \$6.9 M Delivered Open Rate CTOR Room Nights Revenue

- Above average open and CTO rates drove 4.2M impressions and 611K visits to the promotion page
- Non-Member 18% open rate was 7% higher than Basics and captured 5% of opener clicks
  - Positive reaction to subject line; continue to optimize and show value of membership in both subject line & email copy
  - "{FirstName}, Join and Earn Double Points"
- Unable to get results from Wylei Dynamic Content Assembly due to missing email code; try effort again



Member



#### **DOUBLE TAKE REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION**

507.8 K 42.0% 9.7% 4.1 K \$699.6 K Delivered Open Rate CTOR Room Nights Revenue

- Basics had the highest engagement of all; shows continued interest in offer content; super low unsub rate!
- Used Wylei SmartMatrix to optimize destination content
- Cobrand acquisition offer drove just as much engagement as destination content; both worked well as click-catcher content

	Open Rate	CTR	CTOR	Unsub. Rate
BASIC	42.9%	6.1%	14.1%	0.03%
SILVER	41.5%	4.1%	10.0%	0.01%
GOLD	41.8%	3.8%	9.0%	0.01%
PLATINUM (ALL)	41.9%	3.4%	8.1%	0.00%



## **Testing and Optimization**



#### **SUBJECT LINE TEST RESULTS**

FREDDIE AWARDS WAVE 2 (3/29)	%PPT DIFF.	DESCRIPTION OF WINNER
<ul> <li>ENG Version</li> <li>Choose the Winners of the 2019 Freddie Awards</li> <li>Cast Your Vote for the 2019 Freddie Awards</li> </ul>	Winner -1.2 pts	Less task-oriented, makes the
BEN Version  • Choose the Winners of the 2019 Freddie Awards  • Cast Your Vote for the 2019 Freddie Awards	<b>Winner</b> -0.9 pts	recipient feel important, like they will personally decide

- Opposite winner for Japanese version; copy approach was more direct
- ENG version reached statistical significance (99%); other versions had low open counts
- Continue to optimize subject lines by country to determine the best approach regionally



#### **SUBJECT LINE TEST RESULTS**

MAU – MEMEMBER ACCOUNT UPDATE (3/30)	WINNERS	DESCRIPTION OF WINNER
BEN Version  • Your Marriott Bonvoy Account Update: Special Offers, Benefits and More  • Introducing Your Marriott Bonvoy Account Update	Winner -1.2 pts	Branded and sets expectations for message content
<ul> <li>FRE Version</li> <li>Présentation des nouveautés relatives à votre compte Marriott Bonvoy</li> <li>Nouveautés relatives à votre compte Marriott Bonvoy : offres spéciales, avantage</li> </ul>	Winner -0.4 pts	Direct approach about
<ul> <li>SPA Version</li> <li>Presentamos la actualización de su cuenta de Marriott Bonvoy</li> <li>La actualización de su cuenta de Marriott Bonvoy: Ofertas especiales, beneficios</li> </ul>	Winner -0.7 pts	account updates

- CHS and BEN winners shared the same approach; all other languages preferred the direct message
- Japanese version reached statistical significance (directional at 90%); all other versions did not
- Opportunity for cumulative learnings using new Epsilon technology for in-language versions



#### **OTHER SUBJECT LINE LEARNINGS**

For the emails that were not tested, personalization, earning, and fascination styles/tactics drove above average engagement

- Most of the higher open rate emails went to a more engaged audience, like cardholders
- Lower engaged emails (orange & red colors) were acquisition messages

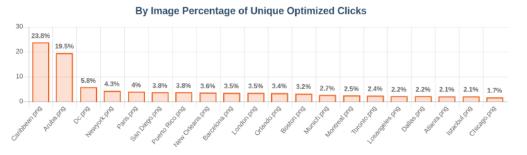
Campaign/Cell	Deployed	Delivered	Open %	Subject Line	Observations
US Amex Spend and Get - Consumer Remail	3/12/19	31.7 K	38.0%	<firstname>, Earn up to 100,000 Bonus Points</firstname>	- Used personalization: first name & exclusivity - Fascination used in Moments; a common winning style - 8 out of 11 subject lines include 'Earn' with points reference
				<firstname>, Earn up to 90,000 Bonus Points</firstname>	
US Amex Spend and Get - Business Version	3/6/19	14.8 K	34.9%	<firstname>, Earn up to 45,000 Bonus Points</firstname>	
Moments Bi-Monthly	3/5/19	3.3 M	28.2%	Experience the Extraordinary	
Chase Solo Event	3/11/19	1.0 M	27.2%	Exclusive Invitation: Tribeca Film Festival Events	
US Amex Spend and Get - Consumer Version	3/8/19	198.2 K	26.0%	<firstname>, Earn up to 100,000 Bonus Points</firstname>	
Moments Bi-Monthly	3/19/19	3.1 M	21.7%	Make Memories with Marriott Bonvoy Moments	
				{FirstName}, Earning is Easy with Double Take	
				{FirstName}, Earn Double Points Around the World	
				{FirstName}, Start Earning Double on Your Second Stay	
Double Take Announcement In-Lang	3/12/19	14.4 M	19.7%	{FirstName}, Join and Earn Double Points	
Cruises-Only Solo	3/7/19	9.5 M	18.6%	[FirstName], Limited Time: Cruise to Rewards Faster	- 4 out of 7 low performing subject lines were Cobrand remails - Suggest subject line test plan for Remails to improve KPI - Test approach to bonus pts again; impact from end date - Adding end date didn't drive urgency; add when 1-2 wks out
AP Member Favorites	3/11/19	1.7 M	16.3%	It's Time: Vote for Your Favourite Hotels and Resorts	
Amex Acquisition Member Remail for Brilliant	3/7/19	533.3 K	15.9%	[First Name], 100,000 Bonus Points Await – Ends April 24	
Amex Acquisition Member for Brilliant	3/15/19	10.6 M	13.9%	[First Name], 100,000 Bonus Points Await – Ends April 24	
Amex Acquisition Member Remail for Business	3/8/19	573.1 K	13.5%	Limited-Time Offer: 100,000 Bonus Points Await – Ends April 24	
Amex Acquisition Non-Member Remail for Brilliant	3/7/19	135.2 K	13.3%	[First Name],100,000 Bonus Points Await – Ends April 24	
Amex Acquisition Non-Member Remail for Business	3/8/19	304.7 K	10.7%	Where Will 100,000 Bonus Points Take You?	



#### DOUBLE TAKE REG. CONFIRMATION: WYLEI SMARTMATRIX

#### English Version:

- 12.5% lift in CTOR for the section (99% significance)
- Top 4 out of 20: Caribbean, Aruba, DC, New York (in order)
- Control grp. had similar engagement, but Puerto Rico #2 & New Orleans #4
- Optimization for other languages did not reach significance from low click engagement; use tech to optimize only English version; partner with regions to feature their top 4 destinations using CDATA targeting rules











### MARCH 30 MAU: WYLEI WEBSCRAPE/OPTIMIZATION

Scraped 5 Traveler articles and optimized eyebrow text (Travel Tips for each article vs. using the Traveler designated eyebrows for each article)

- Set up two different optimizations in same module space:
  - 22.5% lift in CTOR for section (98% significant) = Traveler eyebrows
  - 28.9% lift in CTOR for the section (99% significant) = Travel Tips eyebrow
- CTOR was the same for both control group and optimized group;
   recommend using either option going forward
  - Traveler eyebrows had a slightly higher Total and Unique click count
- For the Traveler eyebrow optimization, all member levels preferred Culture + Style articles
  - Platinum's responded to Culture + Style and Tips + Trends equally
- Partnering with Traveler team to expand content approach and targeting
- Recommend using images vs. text only, increasing prominence of article title & CTA style to lift clicks



# **Actionable insights**



#### **ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS**

- Establish new program benchmarks after 3 months of MBV mailings
- Define the value of an email address to help measure the financial impact of unsubscribes; cost for losing the ability to communicate via email
- Revisit Co-brand marketing tactics and email targeting rules; promote only one card product at a time to those with the highest chance of acquisition
- In order to gain insights, use Wylei optimization on large segments (i.e. English)
  - Use rules-based logic, regional insights, and internal data to optimize content for smaller language or country segments
- Use Wylei optimization tech on large deployments and modules higher up in the email in order to gain actionable insights
  - Support like web scrape & video can be used anywhere





## **THANK YOU!**





# Q1 2019 Email Program Review



#### MARCH NEWSLETTER

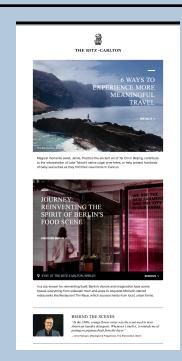
#### THEME: Live Your Best Life

#### Performance:

- 1.8M Delivered
- 18% Open Rate
- 0.8% CTR
- 4.5% CTOR
- 216 Bookings\*
- 519 Room Nights\*
- \$137K Revenue\*

#### **Observations:**

- Open rate aligns with 2018 avg., but CTOR was down -45%
- Engagement possibly influenced by new email approach and changes in overall loyalty program communications
- Ongoing test & learn plans for 2019 were developed to grow email engagement over time



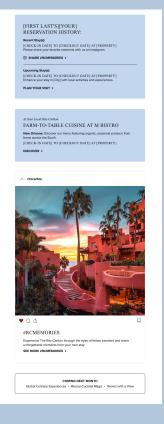








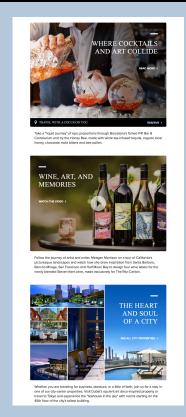
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#### APRIL NEWSLETTER

#### THEME: Food & Beverage





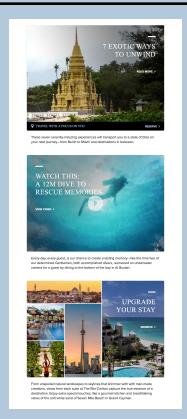




#### MAY NEWSLETTER

#### THEME: Plan Your Summer Getaway









[FIRST LAST'S][YOUR] RESERVATION HISTORY

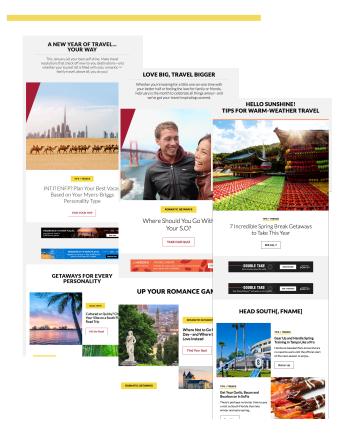
Recent Stay(s):



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### Q1 '19 PERFORMANCE VS. GOAL



OPEN RATE 16.2% (+1.9% vs goal of 15%) CTO RATE 5.5% (-0.5% vs goal of 6%)

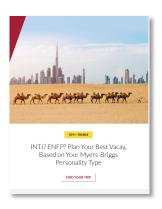
SESSIONS 42.6K (+113% vs goal of 20K) DURATION 1:01 (-32% vs goal of 1:30) PAGES/VISIT 1.38 (-45% vs goal of 2.5)

- Open and CTO rates were aligned with goal;2% above & on-par respectively
- Online activity was down over 30% for key KPIs compared to goal
  - Site changed mid-quarter to align with loyalty program launch
  - Infinite scroll functionality down in Feb and March
  - Continue to monitor engagement after relaunch in April



#### **MAIN TAKEAWAYS**

- Personality driven hero article in Jan drove record high clicks
  - 37K unique module clicks the most since '17 launch; 59% of clicks
  - Article generated 28.8K sessions, 77% of total



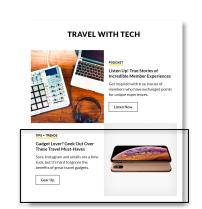
- YoY engagement down in romance quiz in hero; consider broader appeal
  - 24% of total clicks on module; -14 pt. vs. last years 35% of clicks
  - 10K clicks vs. 21K clicks last year; generated 8.5K sessions, 33% of total
  - Reused 2018 high performing quiz
  - Had to show quiz to all due to last minute targeting change
  - Revisit plan to target content based on previous engagement next time;
     reduces risk of turning off previous readers



#### **MAIN TAKEAWAYS**

#### March content provides insight for future targeting and personalization:

- > Elites enjoyed gadgets more than Basics & non-members, especially Plat.
  - o In the top 3 for Platinum and 4<sup>th</sup> for other Elites (outside of header and footer)
  - Consider as targeted content in the future by level
- Non-member top 3 interests were hero, Spring Training Camp, and promo (outside of header and footer)
  - For members, hero was #1 & 7 European Towns was #2....was #4 for non-mbrs
  - Continue to monitor interest in locations outside of U.S.; may need domestic focus
- 1.4K clicks on Double Take promotion banners which was 84% of all banner clicks (member & non-member combined); most to-date for banners
  - Good click-catchers for email and support for promo team





#### **ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS**

#### Repeatable tactics:

- Interactive quizzes, polls work well; consider including in every mailing as consistent content
- Personality driven content engaged readers and recommend approach as a future content option
- Revisit repurposing high performing content for select audiences; use data to drive targeting
- Target Elites with travel tech/gadgets content; tips to make traveling easier
- Promo banners are good click-catchers, even with non-members

#### **Areas for opportunities:**

- Partner with Epsilon on throttling strategy when adding new audiences of significant size
- Monitor engagement of non-members closely and look for opportunities to tailor content to their interests and travel patterns
- Consider including content like treat yourself or "galentine's" to broaden Feb romance theme



#### 7.9% LIFT FROM HERO OPTIMIZATION IN MARCH

#### **Wylei Optimization Overview:**

Reporting Period: March 23 –26, 2019

Control: 10% Random Control

**Optimization**: Optimized on First Party and Contextual

Data Lift: 7.94% with 100% Statistical Significance

**Hero 1: Animated Sun** 



Hero 2: Slideshow (first image)



#### **Performance Summary:**

- Hero image optimization; Animated Image vs. Slideshow (3 Images)
- Slideshow drove higher engagement (contributed to 80% of the overall 7.9% lift)
- Animation had stronger engagement in Oct'18 hero optimization
- Continue looking for opportunities to optimize animation in hero for trends
- Increase number of images and options to at least 3-4 to increase overall performance and aid in lifting interaction from different segments

