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# How to Sell High-Net-Worth Clients in the Digital Era

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#### Our mission is...

To close the widening gap between customers and sales associates by equipping retailers with the new skills and behaviors to transform their sales teams and stay relevant in the digital era.

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Luxury brands are doubling down on digital strategies to **adapt to** the new relationships with clients.

# Are Sales Associates obsolete? Some people say yes.



PROVIDED sales teams adapt to the radically changing client.

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## Today's presentation will focus on:

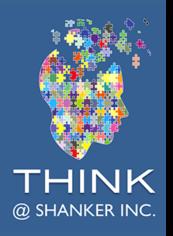
- How are high-net-worth clients changing in this era of digital marketing?
- 2. Understanding the next generation's evolving mindset and behaviors.
- 3. What are the new strategies and skills for sales teams?



# How Are High-Net-Worth Clients Changing?



### **Shifting Mindset and Decision Making**



Technology is shifting power to customers

Less transparent, less trusting & less likely to announce readiness

Courted at high levels of multiple brands

More informed, expert, confident, demanding

Conduct research.
Continuously
evolve

Accept being sold and reject associates who push

Prefer associates with business acumen

International and shop everywhere

# **SHIFT:** The Values of Next Generation

Experience is more important than products Non-conforming. Searching for undiscovered brands

Demand for personalization. Not shopping in malls

#### **Customer Behaviour Shift**

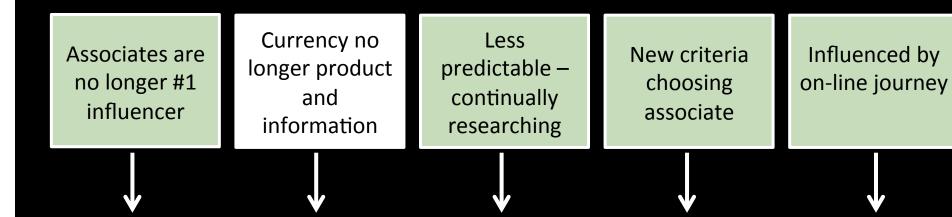
A different approach to purchase luxury

Embrace secondary markets (value)

More individual.
Not automatically
accepting prior
generations
choices

Transparency makes exclusivity harder.

#### **Self-Informed Customers Are Self-Directed**



Replaced By Friends And Social Media

New Relationship

**Selling Experts** 

Requires New Skills And Behaviors

Prefer Technology

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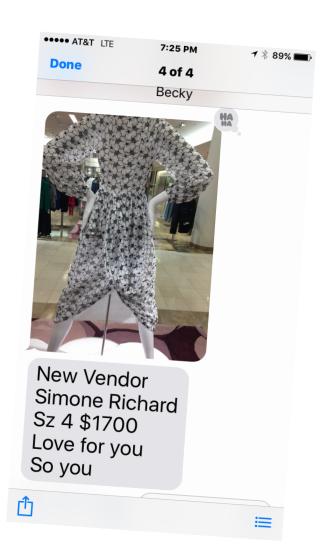
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# Sales Behaviors that Derail Sales

- Transactional vs. consultative
- Sets self up to miss sales:
  - Uses clichés, robotic behavior
  - Tells the client what they already know
  - Overlooks client's dreams
  - Over speaks/discomfort silence
  - Avoids showing high price points



# What's wrong with this text message to a client?





# What is possible...

Create **AN OASIS** for genuine engagement and service. **TWEAK** behaviors that positively influence clients.

#### How to Reclaim Influencer Status

**AUTHENTICITY** 

Engage and connect emotionally

DISCOVERY MINDSET: LISTEN

Deeply understand clients needs + dreams

**RELEVANCY** 

Expand thought and add value

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# NEW SKILLS V NEW MINDSET V

**NEW RESULTS** 

# Personalization Requires Social and Cultural Acumen

Listen for passion and mutual interest:



#### **Emulate Art Dealers**

Attend cultural and art exhibits, opening parties and events

Be aware of new and "cool" cultural trends

Be strategic about targeting and tracking clients

Use knowledge of fashion and style

Business acumen

Network



# Intrapreneurship

Intrapreneurship is the act of behaving like an *entrepreneur* while working within a large organization.

Intrapreneurs are todays "secret weapon" of the business world.



# Selling high net-worth client is heart-shaped.

"People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But they will never forget how you made them feel."

—Maya Angelou

If you intend only **to make sales**, the emotional connection is minimal. If you intend **to connect**, sales follow.

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