

# **New Trends in Luxury Retail**

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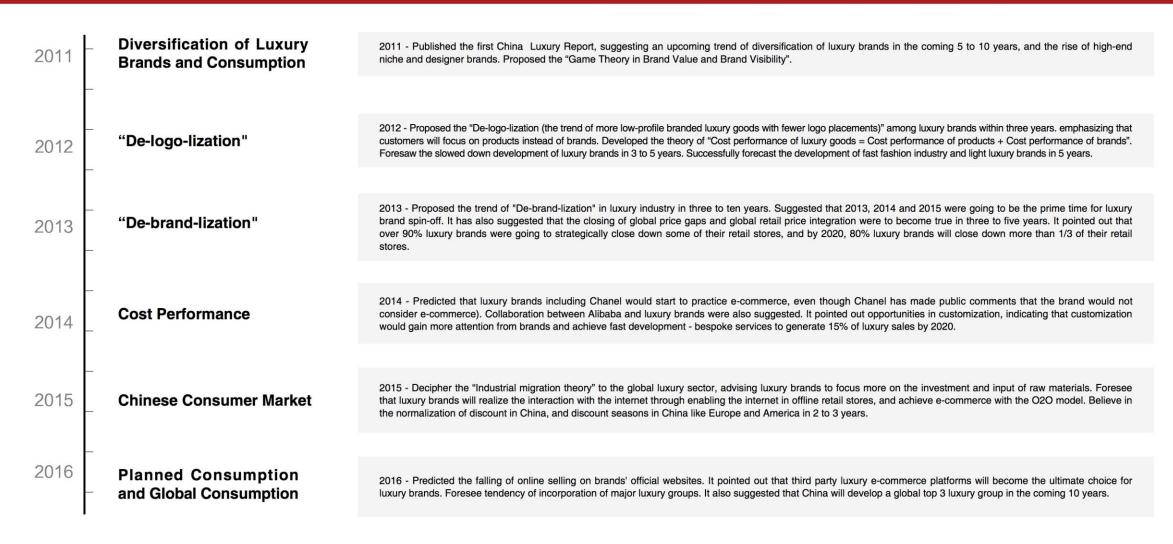








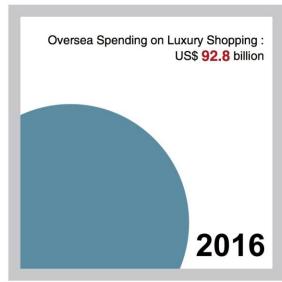


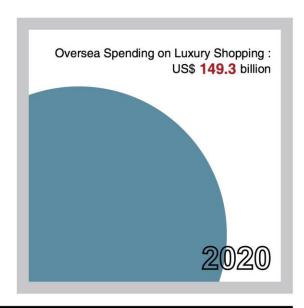


# Chinese Consumers Continue to Dominate the Global Pattern of Luxury Consumption

# Chinese consumers keep on leading global luxury consumption, and generated US\$ 120.4 billion sales in 2016, which accounts for half of global annual luxury sales.







The Chinese overseas consumption and luxury consumption

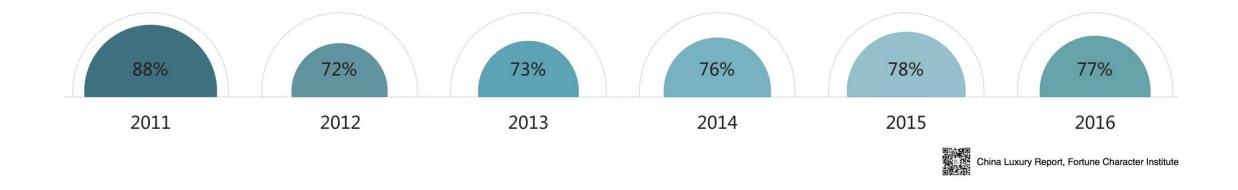
It is estimated that Chinese tourists spend over US\$92.8 billion (CNY 640 billion) on overseas luxury spending in 2016 with the market increasement from 12% in 2015 down to 2%; and US\$150 billion (around CNY 1 trillion) in 2020.

# Planned and Globalizd Consumption Becomes the Main Trend for Wealthy Chinese Luxury Shoppers



### "China Market" or "China Consumer Market"

The Proportion of Chinese Overseas Luxury Consumption from 2011 to 2016



- More and more Chinese tend to buy luxury goods abroad, which accounts for 77% of total luxury consumption in 2016.
- More attention should be given on the increasingly powerful "Chinese Consumers" instead of "Chinese Domestic Market".
- Globalization of consumption is inevitable, especially under the background of continuous development of Internet technology. The concept of "China Consumer Market" will replace the geographical concept of "China Market". For brands, it would be far more meaningful.



# "Out of stock" is the major issue for Chinese overseas luxury shoppers



1. Products are out of stock



2. Lack of high-quality service



3. Limited access to brand offers and discounts



4.Time-consuming and inefficient payment and tax refund process

According to Fortune Character Institute, **73%** of travelers have a shopping list before going on a trip. However, an average of **45%** of the luxury items on their lists are not available in-store at their destinations. Shopping becomes more time consuming, and customers become dissatisfied with their shopping experience for not being able to get what they want, as a result, stores lose their sales.



# "Planned consumption of luxury goods" becomes a new concept for wealthy Chinese shoppers

The traditional luxury consumption behavior

Store >> Browsing >> Choosing >> Purchase

The luxury consumption behavior in Internet era

**Browsing Online** >> Order >> Store Purchase

- Wealthy Chinese tend to be rational when buying luxury goods. They are more willing to make shopping plans in advance, including buying category, brands, quantity, location, time and even budget, especially for purchasing abroad.
- With the rising popularity of planned luxury consumption, "random shopping" will gradually be replaced by "making an appointment for store shopping".

  Transactions from "random shopping" will reduce sharply. Chinese people will buy luxury goods in accordance with their own shopping plan, ordering products online and then purchase offline.



# With the development of the mobile terminal device in this internet era, order online, transact offline will become the main trend of luxury shopping.

# **Transactions**

Transaction of luxury goods is a geographic concept, emphasizing the location where trading happens. The actual transaction can occur both domestic or overseas.

# **Orders**

The order quantity of luxury goods is an Internet concept which breaks the concept of time and space. As long as there is network, customers can order at anytime and anywhere.

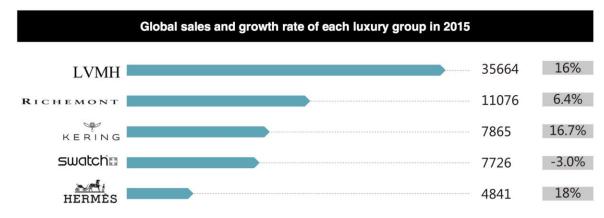
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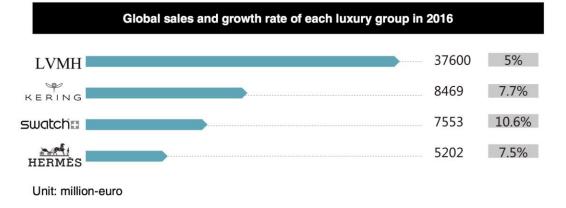
In the future, there will be around 80% of Chinese luxury goods ordered within China, but still 60% transaction will be made offline abroad. Only no more than 40% of luxury consumption in China.

# The Future of Global Luxury Retail











Source: China Luxury Report, Fortune Character Institute

Referenced from financial reports of each luxury group, including the sales growth data from March 2015 to March 2016 for Richemont Group and the sales volume statistics for KERING Group luxury department.



### **Key pain points for luxury stores**



## 1. Insufficient stock causing customer disappointment

Brands cannot prepare stock to accurately match customer demands. Insufficient stock will disappoint customers and may cause up to 30 to 50% sales lose.



### 2. Tailoring services for all customers' needs

Brands have limited capacity for providing personalised services. Without knowing customers' interests and arrival information, it is challenging for brands to provide personalised services for all customers, and therefore sometimes upset high-end customers.



## 3. Hesitation of offering discount due to brand image concern

Some brands are hesitating about offering discounts to drive sales as they are concerned of damaging brand image.



## 4. Limited space for product display

Stores have limited space for product display, and this may limit customers' purchase potentials. Brands will need to work on expending product display and noticing customers product choices before they arrive.



### Internet provides opportunities as well as challenges



#### Customer

- More mature and rational
- Decreasing loyalty to brands
- Rising costs for brands to win customers

#### Communication

- The rise of new media makes it even harder for brands to manage their image
- Lacking effective channels to convey products information

#### Channel

- Increasing costs on offline channels result in low return
- High reliance on tour guides and "dai gou" damage brand image and profits
- E-commerce creates a new opportunity but it has negative impact on offline stores



### **E-Commerce?**

### If do, brands will

- Concern about brand images
- Concern about impact on offline stores

OR

#### If not, brands will

- Lose competitiveness in the online market
- Falling behind with competitors

### How to do it properly?

### E-Commerce (sell products directly), brands will

- Concern about brand images
- Concern about its impact on offline stores

OR

#### E-Service (service-oriented marketing)

- Improve service through Internet
- Maintain brand image, improve store sales and customer experience



#### **Luxury Shoppers from Reservation Platform?**

#### Purchase rate: 100%

100% clients know products in the stores in advance through the reservation platform, they have clear purchase intention and will pay deposite

### Targeted customers: high end self-organized tourists with the capacity of spending USD20,000 individual spending per transaction

Customer from the reservation platform: HNWIs with high repeat purchase rate

#### **Customer focus: products & Services**

Not sensitive to price, want to buy unique and high quality products, good service and individualized experience

#### Create additional sales for brands

The reservation platform provides shopping convenience, and drives 20-50% purchase thanks to the improved service and sufficient shopping time

#### **Customer Satisfaction: high**

Save shopping time for customer and improve their loyalty to brands

#### Or from Tour Groups?

#### Purchase: less than 20%

Tourists are led to stores by guides with no clear purchase intention and are not aware of product availability in the store prior to their arrival

### Targeted customers: customers with the capacity of spending USD3,000 per transaction

Low purchase capability and low repeat purchase rate

#### Sufficient: price & discount

Driven by about price and discounts

#### Low sales and loss of traffic in brand stores

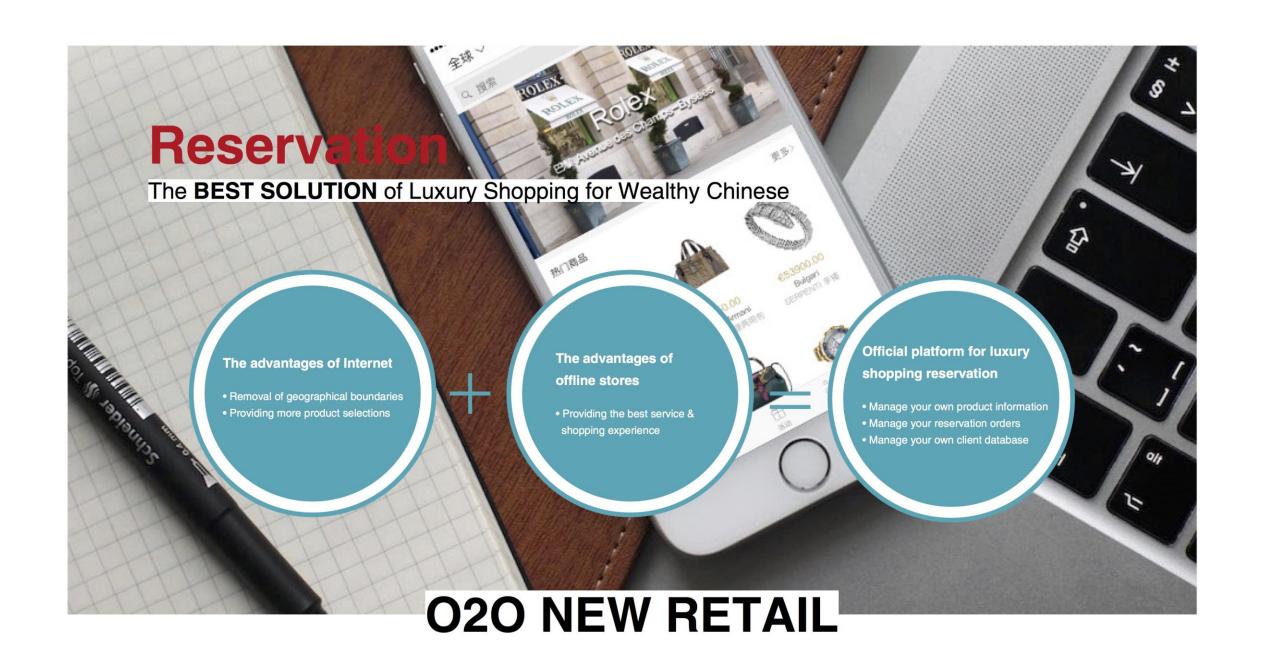
Chinese customers are put off by shopping recommended by guides. It is estimated that luxury boutiques may lose 5 customers every time when tour guide brings in a new customer

#### **Customer satisfaction: low**

Customer satisfaction rate to tour groups is less than 20% with a key complaint about the compulsive shopping, which has become the most complaint service

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Luxury retail over the Internet will become the biggest driver for luxury market in 2017. Under such trend, the market can expect more good quality online luxury projects, especially O2O (offline to online) projects. It is expected that online sales will account for 11% of total luxury sales, and more online transactions will be achieved than offline in future.





### Adding value by the worldwide official luxury shopping reservation platform



- To avoid losing sales by preparing goods prior to customers' arrival
- To ensure the best service to the most valuable customers
- To improve store stock management and operational efficiency
- To cultivate customer loyalty gradually



- To be able to purchase everything on the shop list
- To enjoy better service, eg. exclusive VIP benefits
- To better manage shopping time and efficiency

The worldwide official luxury shopping reservation platform will increase brands' sales by 20% to 50%, and increase store capacity by 50%; it aims to save customers' shopping time by 30%, allowing purchase increased by 50% to 100%.





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