

Keys to Reaching New and Existing Customers In Your Market



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# What we'll cover today

- How effective acquisition strategies help build strong and lasting customer relationships
- Why an acquisition strategy that is data-driven and omnichannel is more important than ever
- How COVID-19 reshuffled the channel hierarchy



Every consumer relationship has reached a critical crossroads.



# Changing and uncertain times have prompted consumers to reflect

What provides value?

What can I do without?

Which relationships do I need for my family to be truly safe and happy?

Change has never felt easier to justify for consumers.



#### What does this mean for financial institutions?

Those institutions that deliver experiences that meet the changing needs of customers will be rewarded with *new business* and greater loyalty.

Customer experience leaders achieve 2.1X greater share of wallet.<sup>1</sup>





It's never been more important to invest time and effort in relationships.



#### Did You Know?

90%

60%

of borrowers commit to a lender within one week of initiating their search of Americans who will need a loan in the next 2 years have done nothing to see if they qualify

50%

of Americans have no idea what credit score is needed to apply for most loans

LOANS

\$200 -

\$600

In marketing cost to acquire a mortgage loan 75%

of households read or scan advertisements in their mail



Health is wealth.



# Consumers are already getting back on their feet

As the nation gets healthier, consumers will seek to become wealthier. That means an elevated consumer commitment to:

- Building a stronger cushion of future savings
- Rebuilding through personal loans and refinance options

Are you prepared for the acquisition boom?



When should you start focusing on your acquisition strategy?

Yesterday.



#### Create a strategy for sustainable deposit growth

A sustainable growth strategy involves:



## Retaining

the most at-risk customers





### Attract new households in your market



#### Capturing low-cost, sustainable core deposits

is key to supporting a growing and increasingly competitive lending environment.

- Always On acquisition strategy Visibility Is KEY
- Identify your audience and saturate the market
- Consider the value of the marketing channel in today's environment
- Measure response and adjust the plan, but don't go silent

#### 26% of Millennials are seeking financial advice.

Source: Experian Consumer Sentiment Study April 2020.



#### **Household Acquisition Is Extremely Competitive**

Financial institutions must differentiate themselves to acquire new customers.





#### Grow deposits from existing customers

Understand what is happening to your deposit base:

- Identify single/low-service customers and aggressively cross-sell
- Educate younger segments on the value of saving ... and show them how
- Encourage mature segments to consolidate and centrally manage their financial assets
- Don't Assume existing customers will choose you

Less than half of consumers under the age of 40 report having a financial reserve they can draw from

Source: Experian Consumer Sentiment Study April 2020



#### Reduce Attrition to Achieve Growth

Understand the numbers behind attrition.

#### Keys to **retention**:

- Identify customers at risk
- Connect with lifestyle, don't sell products
- Make it easy to choose your institution



Successful deposit acquisition engages customers for the long-term at the lowest cost possible.



Ready yourself for a post-pandemic paradigm lending shift.

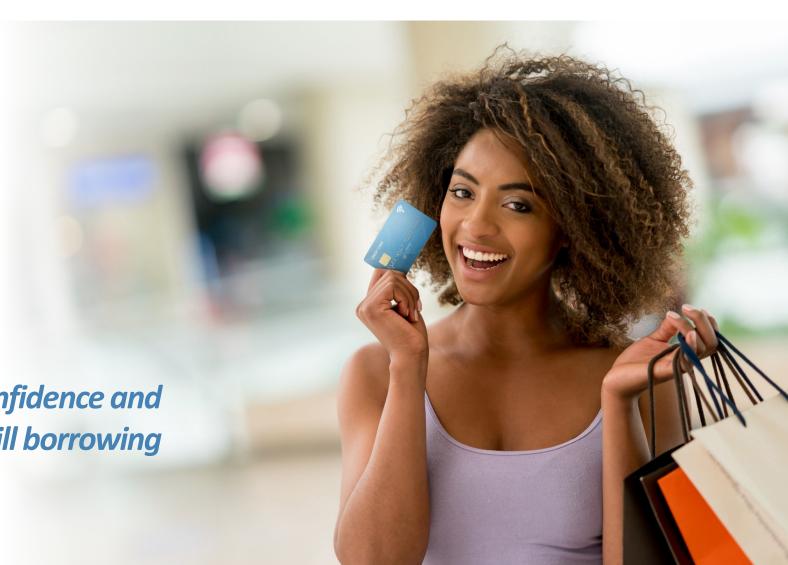


# The upcoming lending boom offers a rare opportunity to acquire customers faster and increase balances

 Consumers will be in recovery mode

 A strong desire to quickly return to pre-pandemic lifestyles

When consumer confidence and spending increases, so will borrowing



#### **Key Lending Strategies**

Identify your competitive strength and **be loud** ...

Strategies for **sustained growth**:

- Embrace invitation-to-apply programs
- Remove the guesswork. Initiate pre-qualification/pre-approval programs
- Promote refinance options
- Be Consistent. Don't use a "one and done" marketing strategy.

45% intend to purchase a vehicle as planned, however 34% intend to explore a more affordable option

Source: Experian Consumer Sentiment Study April 2020



## Industry competition for loans will be fierce

Must-haves to meet the needs of today's "at home" consumer:

- Data-driven/targeted
- Hyper-Personalization
- Digital
- Direct Mail
- Convenience
- Frictionless process



#### Is It Time to Change Channels?

Consumer habits are altered due to COVID. Media usage has increased over pre-pandemic levels.

- Television? 41% increased usage
  - Netflix®: 36% increased usage overall, but 44% increase in those under 40
  - YouTube®: 22% increased usage overall, but over 30% increase in those under 40
  - Cable TV: 22% increased usage, but less than 20% in those under 40
- Radio? Usage is only up 10%, the lowest of all channels
- Email? Fatigued and oversaturated

Consumers are staying local. Strong movement to support local communities and business.



Going to the mailbox is now an "event."



#### **Direct Mail Is a Critical Acquisition Tool**

Direct Mail is an extremely relevant strategy that allows very specific audience selection along with being able to determine ROMI.



75% of households either read or scan advertisements in their mail



Mailboxes are empty

Direct mail is down

70%

(CompereMedia)



1in7checking account openers were influenced by a direct mail piece from their financial institution

(The Financial Brand)



#### **Key Takeaways**

- Don't Wait ... start Yesterday and be Consistent
- Diversify your Deposit Strategy between Existing Customers and Prospects
  - Same offer combined with relevant message
  - Speak to lifestyle benefits rather than product features
  - Tell them how to do business with you
- Saturate the Looming Lending Market with Pre-Qualified/Approved Offers or Invitation-to-Apply
  - Ready to Lend ... and tell them how
  - Either *Own the Rate* or *Be the Most Convenient*
- Direct Mail Isn't Dead

Silence is a detriment!



Thank You.



#### Questions

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