

Team AvoCANDO



PROBLEM DEFINITION

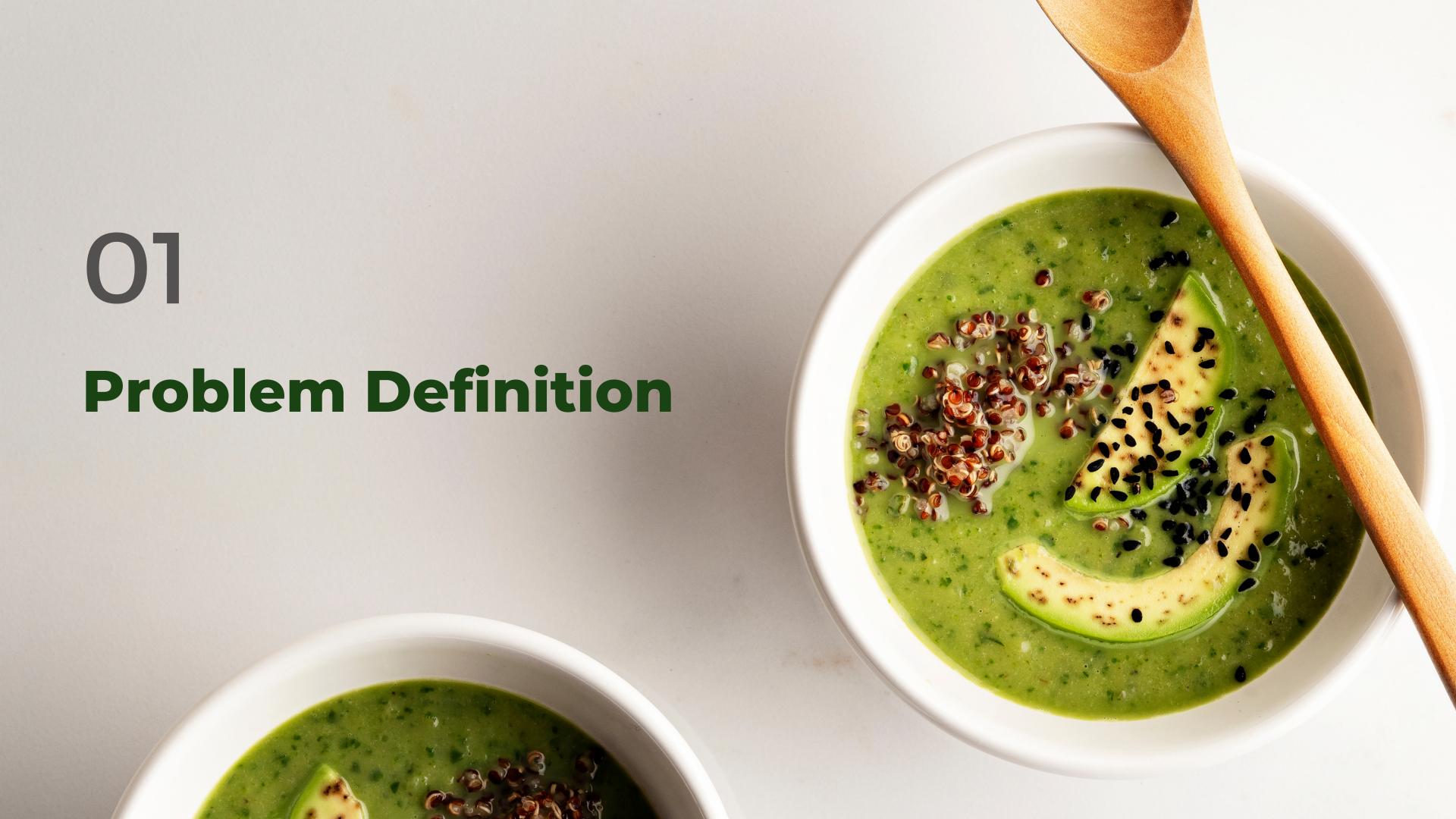
SAMPLING PLAN

ANALYSIS & FINDINGS

RESEARCH DESIGN

RESEARCH LIMITATIONS

RECOMMEND ATIONS



BOH Situation Brief



- Organic avocados grown with innovative agricultural process
- Premium quality with export standards



- **Rely on partners**' social media & e-commerce sites in communication
- → Promotion is **generic** & covers multiple brands



- Rely on partners' offline stores
- → Lack direct communication & presence among B2C consumers



- BOH's platforms cover farming & qualifications
- → Unengaging & not focus on consumers' concerns (e.g, avocados benefits, etc.)

Management Decision Problem



Identify suitable marketing investment to communicate with B2C consumers

Research Background

(1) Vietnam's Agricultural Trends

- Local farmers started selling independently online
- → Highly-received digitalization

268%

increase in **farmers' online presence** (including avocados)

Communication Behaviors

98%

85.2%

69.79%

of Vietnamese own >=1 social media account, notably Facebook & Zalo

discover new brands on social media

of traffic **referrals** is from **Facebook**

2 Consumption & Shopping Behaviors

- Stronger "organic" preferences due to rising health concerns
- Physical retailers has higher credibility

30%

increase in "organic food" search volume

79%

of Vietnamese consumers willing to pay more for organic food

4 Research Background Limitations

- Time limit & resource unavailability
- **Undefined consumer personas & behaviors** for suitable marketing investments decisions

Research Problem Statement



Symptom 1: BOH cannot specify its target consumers due to lacking information on characteristics, purchasing & communication behaviors alongside avocados perceptions

Identify **BOH's potential avocado consumer segments** via the relationships between consumers' characteristics, their purchasing, communication behaviors alongside perceptions of general avocados and BOH



Symptom 2: BOH's inability to choose appropriate tactics for its marketing investment





Discover **marketing channels & tactics** fitting the identified segment(s) for marketing investment decision-making

Unit of Analysis & Research Variables

Unit of analysis	Independent variables	Dependent variables
Individual consumer	 Demographics: Age Gender Marital status • Occupation • Income • Education level Geographics: • City/Area 	 Consumption and purchasing frequency Monthly fresh fruits spending Purchasing & online communication channel Information source Priority for safety/ sustainable method/ international standard
	 Dietary, cuisine behaviors & preferences: Dietary routines/knowledge/behaviors • Level of Western-style cuisine Importance of healthy eating • Criteria • Willingness to track origin trace cultivation method/technology Top-of-mind brands & purchasing frequency 	New agricultural brands' purchase willingness

Unit of analysis	Type of variable	Research variables	
Individual consumer	General avocados awareness, perceptions & attitudes	 Avocado perception/knowledge Interests in avocado farming methods Avocados brands discovery & perception Paying/willingness • Avocados purchase criteria 	
	BOH avocados awareness, perceptions & interests	 Impressions about BOH's brand name & trademark • Desired information • BOH avocados paying willingness • Avocados purchase criteria For previous BOH purchasers: BOH avocados evaluation & satisfaction For BOH non-users: Interests in BOH • BOH avocados purchase likelihood & concerns 	

Research Objectives & Key Questions

To identify the influences of consumers' demographics on fresh fruit consumption & purchase, communication channels and information sources

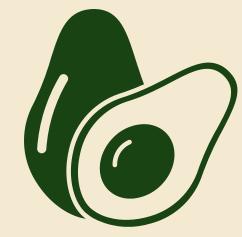
- What are their demographics (age, gender, occupation, income, marital status, education level)?
- Which city/area do they live in?
- How often do they consume & purchase fresh fruits?
- How much do they spend monthly on fresh agricultural products?
- Which channel do they often go to when buying fresh agricultural products?
- What digital communication platforms are they most active/on?
- What are their main information sources for fresh agricultural product brands?
- How important is fresh fruits' safety/ sustainable method/ international standard to them?
- Their importance level for fresh fruits' safety/ sustainable method/ international standard?

To determine the influences of consumers' dietary and cuisine behaviors on their willingness to buy a fresh agriculture product brand

- How are their dietary routines, knowledge & behaviors?
- To what extent are their diets Western-styled?
- How important is healthy eating to them?
- What are their criteria for choosing fresh fruits?
- To what extent are they willing to track fresh fruits' origin/trace/cultivation method/technology?
- What are their top-of-mind fresh agricultural brands? How often do they buy from these brands?
- How do their dietary & cuisine behaviors affect their willingness to try a new fresh agriculture product brand?







Research Objectives & Key Questions

To assess and measure consumers' awareness, perceptions and attitudes toward general avocado brands

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- What is their perception of avocados?
- What is their knowledge of avocados?
- How willing are they to learn more about avocado farming process?
- How willing are they to pay more for organic avocados?
- If they already experienced an avocado brand, what are their discovery and perception?
- How much are they willing to pay for different avocado types?
- What criteria are used to determine these avocados' pricing?

To assess and measure consumers' awareness, perceptions and levels of interest in BOH avocados

- Have they heard about BOH before? If yes, where did they hear about it?
- What impression do they have of BOH's brand name and trademark? Why?
- What information do they wish to know more about? Why?
- How much are they willing to pay for BOH avocados?
- What criteria are used to determine BOH's avocados' pricing?
- For consumers having purchased BOH:
 - What is their evaluation of BOH avocados? Why?
 - What is their satisfaction with BOH?
- For consumers having not purchased BOH:
 - o To what extent are they interested in BOH?
 - Our How likely are they to buy BOH? Why?
 - What are some concerns they may have for BOH?







Research Design Framework

Research Objective 1

Research Objective 2

Research Objective 3

Research Objective 4

Descriptive & Casual

Descriptive & Exploratory

Primary Research

Data is collected directly from target consumers

Quantitative & Qualitative Data

Quantitative is used to find out significant patterns in variables such as consumer profiles, perceptions and preferences for conclusive results

Qualitative is used for variables such as psychographics, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, etc. to discover new ideas and concepts

Data Collection

Research
Objective 1

Research
Objective 2

Step 2

Research
Objective 3

Research
Objective 4

Step 1

Step 3

Step 4





In-depth interview





In-depth interview + Survey

Fixed alternative questions

- Nominal: location, gender, occupation, marital status
- Ordinal: age, income, education level; fresh fruit consumption frequency; channel usage frequency

Fixed alternative & in-depth interview questions

- 8 questions with 1 probing/leading question each
- Classify respondents into *never heard, heard but have not purchased and have purchased*
- Show 4 avocados picture, BOH brand name & logo to collect responses

Communication Techniques

Data Analysis Techniques



Face-to-face











Sampling Plan & Method



29.5 M

households in Vietnam

28%

monthly household income > VND 25M

1.46

members aged 25-55 in every household

Target Population: ~12,059,600

No sampling frame Non-probability sampling Convenience sampling

Contact 2 convenient respondents (friends, family & co-workers)

Non-proportional Quota sampling

Expect 100% of respondents aged 25-55 with monthly household income >= VND 25M+. Total population does not reflect the same proportion

Judgement sampling

Avoid individuals < 25 or have income < VND 25M

Sampling Errors

Sample Size

- There are **362** students in MKTG1418
- Each student was expected to collect >= 2 responses
- \rightarrow Planned sample size is 724
- \rightarrow Actual sample size is 834



Sampling frame Error

No sampling frame

Selection (Non-response) Error

- Actual sample size > Planned sample size
- → No selection error

Random Sampling Error

- e = 3.46% (Low)
- → Accurate results as the actual sample size are fairly compatible with the calculated population

Population Specification Error

• Due to lack of secondary research about premium avocado consumers, this research can have ill-defined population, minimized by calculating population based on Vietnamese number of households, age percentage & monthly household income.

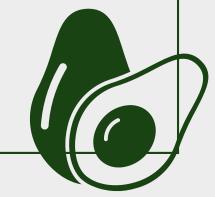


Research Limitations

Category	Limitations	Level of Seriousness	Solutions
Sampling design	No sampling frame	Population parameters are either undiscovered or difficult to specify	Non-probability sampling methods
Sample bias	Location (67.87% HCM, 22.66% Ha Noi) Degree level (69.3% Bachelor)	Lead to different choices & knowledge of avocados	Simple random sampling selected by chance
Sample size limitation	22.78% have heard of BOH 2.68% have purchased BOH	Reduce the precision of consumers' perceptions, attitudes & preferences toward BOH	None
Questionnaire limitation	 Q9B: "Platform" may be mistaken as social platforms, not e-commerce Q28: "I am not too fond of avocados" can be mistaken as dislike Q33, Q49: Limited spaces in the answer box Q34-Q36: Inconsistent format & quality in sample pictures 	Lead to inaccurate responses & data overload in 1 response, thus complicating data analysis on NVivo & SPSS	Carefully review & modify questions

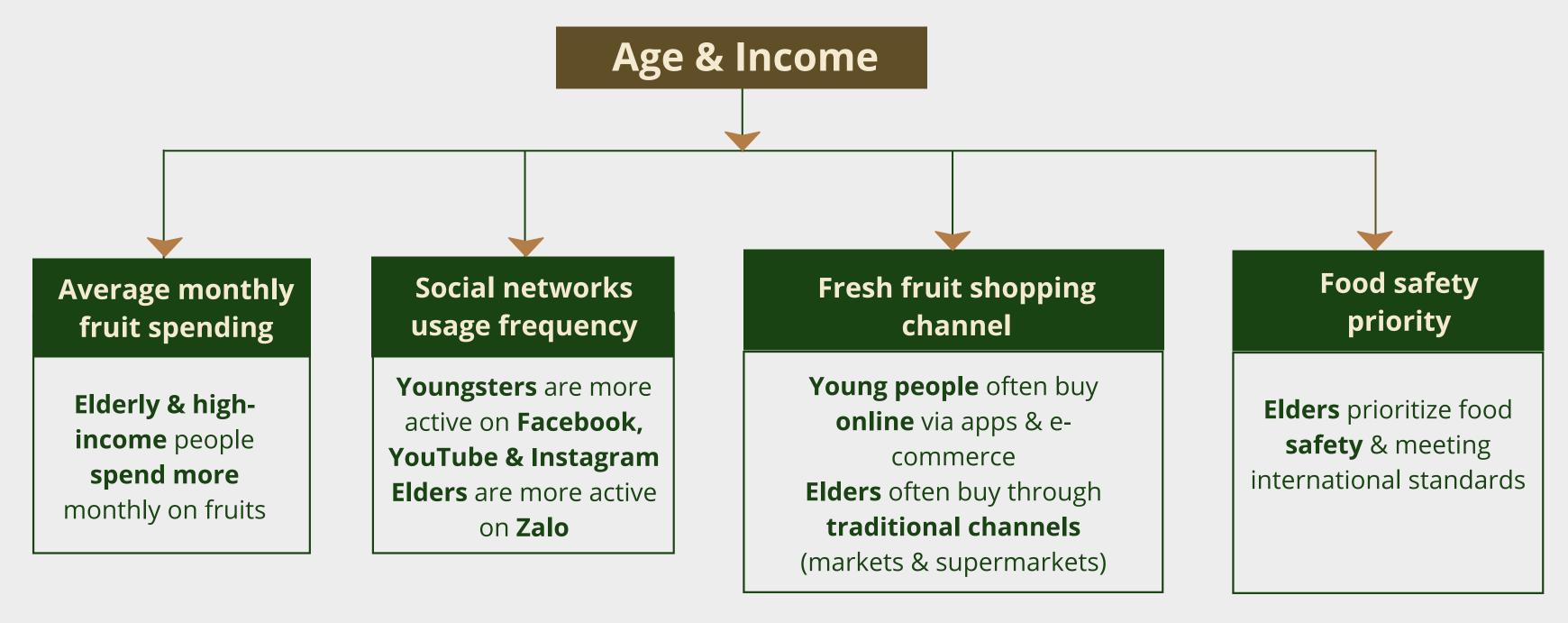
Research Limitations

Limitations **Level of Seriousness Solutions** Category Data Convenience, judgment & non-**Building trust to encourage** Precision level is **decreased** collection proportional sampling cannot authentic responses method **represent** the entire population • **Unfamiliar** with delivering surveys & in-**Data Eliminate responses** depth interviews collection without transcripts • Not supporting BOH in • Misspelled responses process solving their problems • **Fake** respondents • Require **time** to clean & filter data Offer information types needed & example answers • Irrelevant/unclear responses **Data analysis** • Mistranslated English responses for qualitative questions process





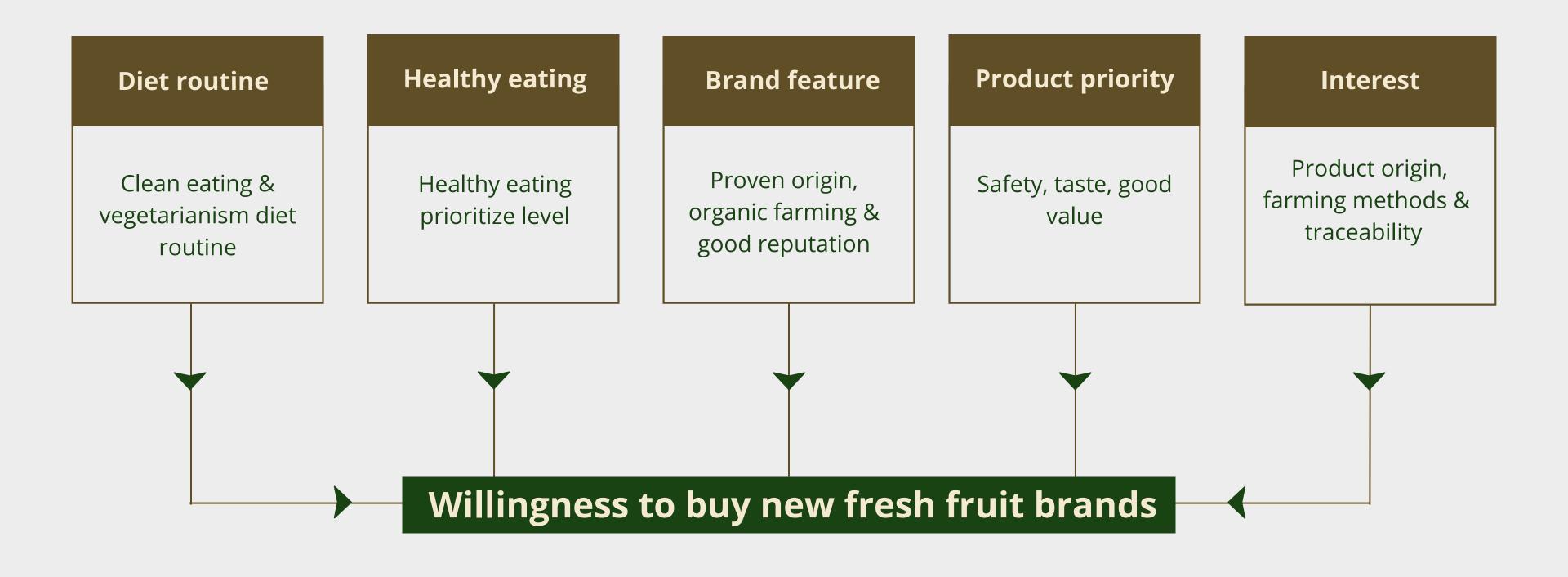
Consumer Behaviors

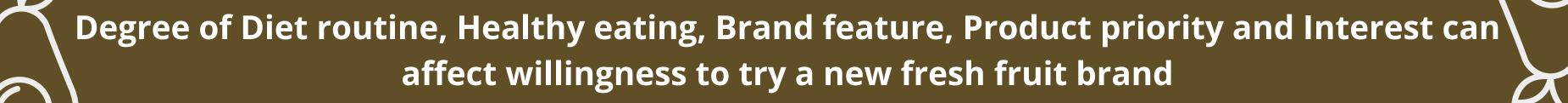






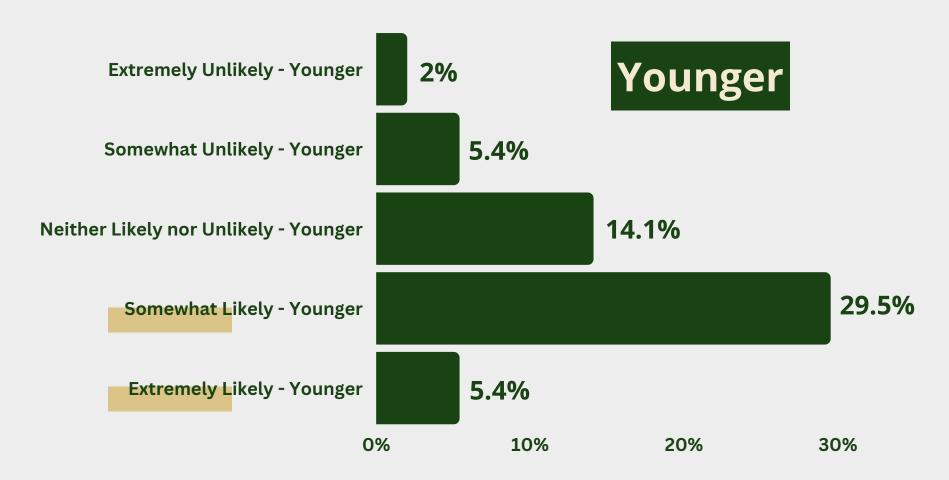
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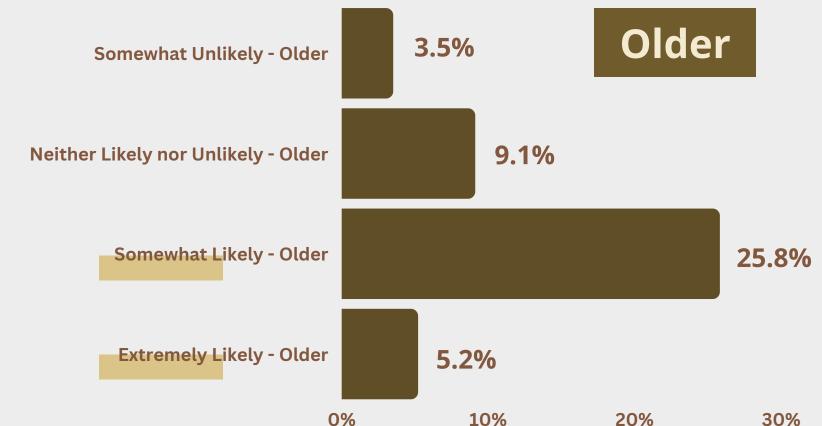




Consumer Segments

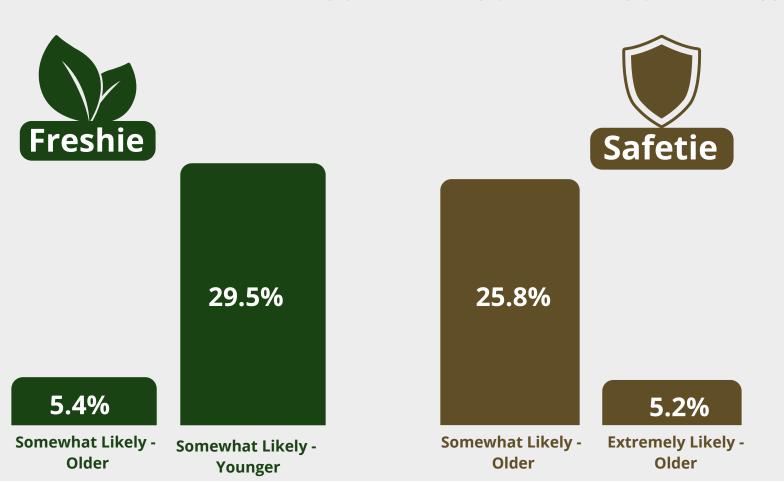
9 defined consumer groups by TwoStep Clusters



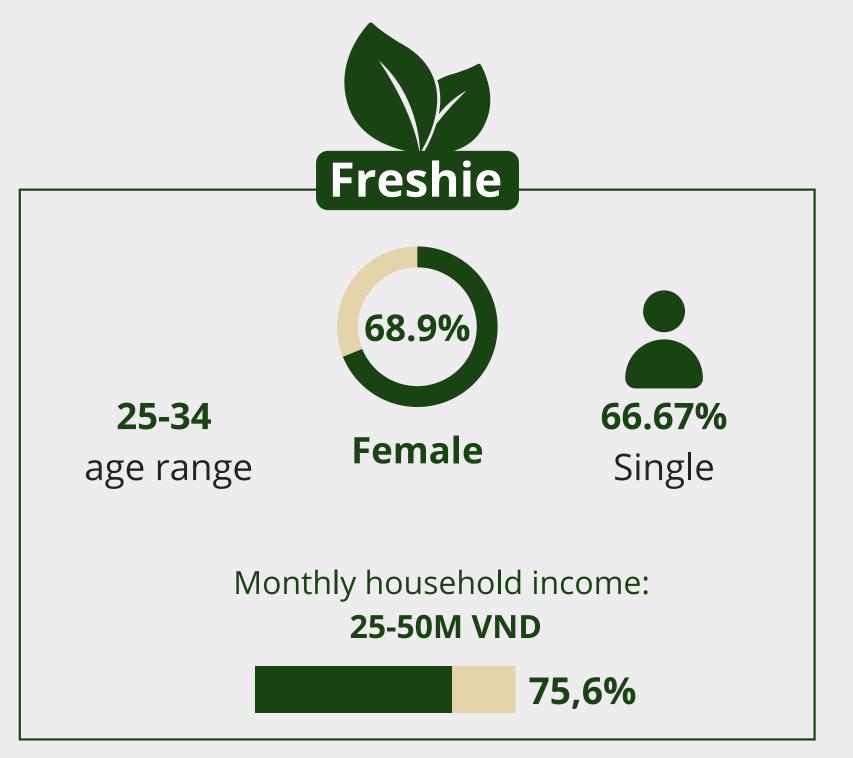


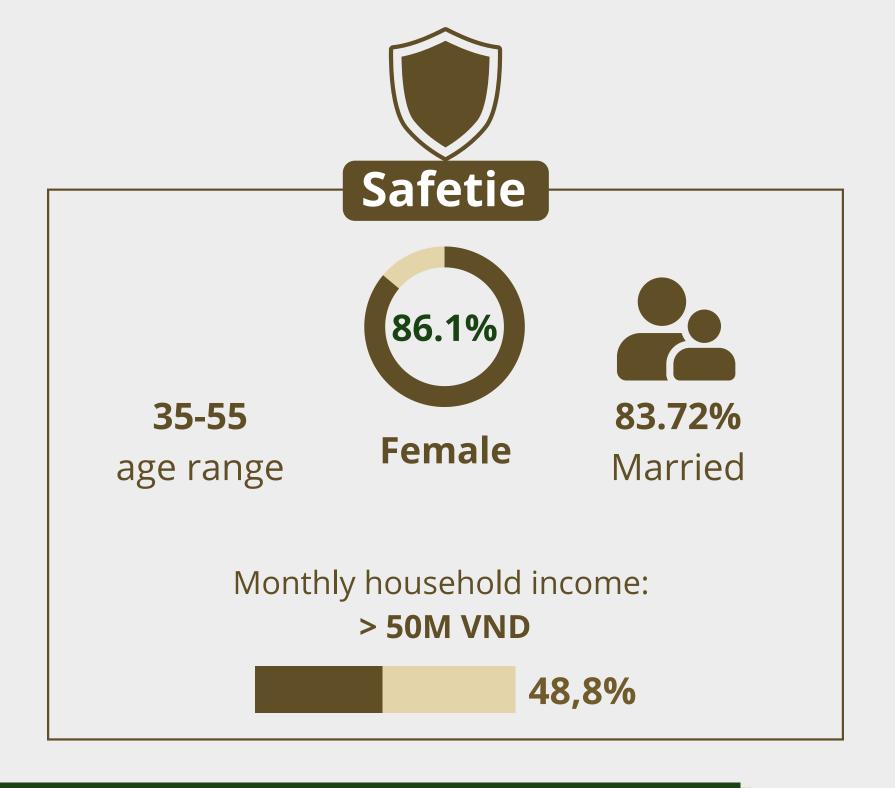
There are 4 groups of consumers most likely to purchase & consume BOH making up 65.9% of all respondents

From these 4 most potential groups, 2 main consumer segments are identified: Safetie & Freshie



Potential Consumers Group: Demographics

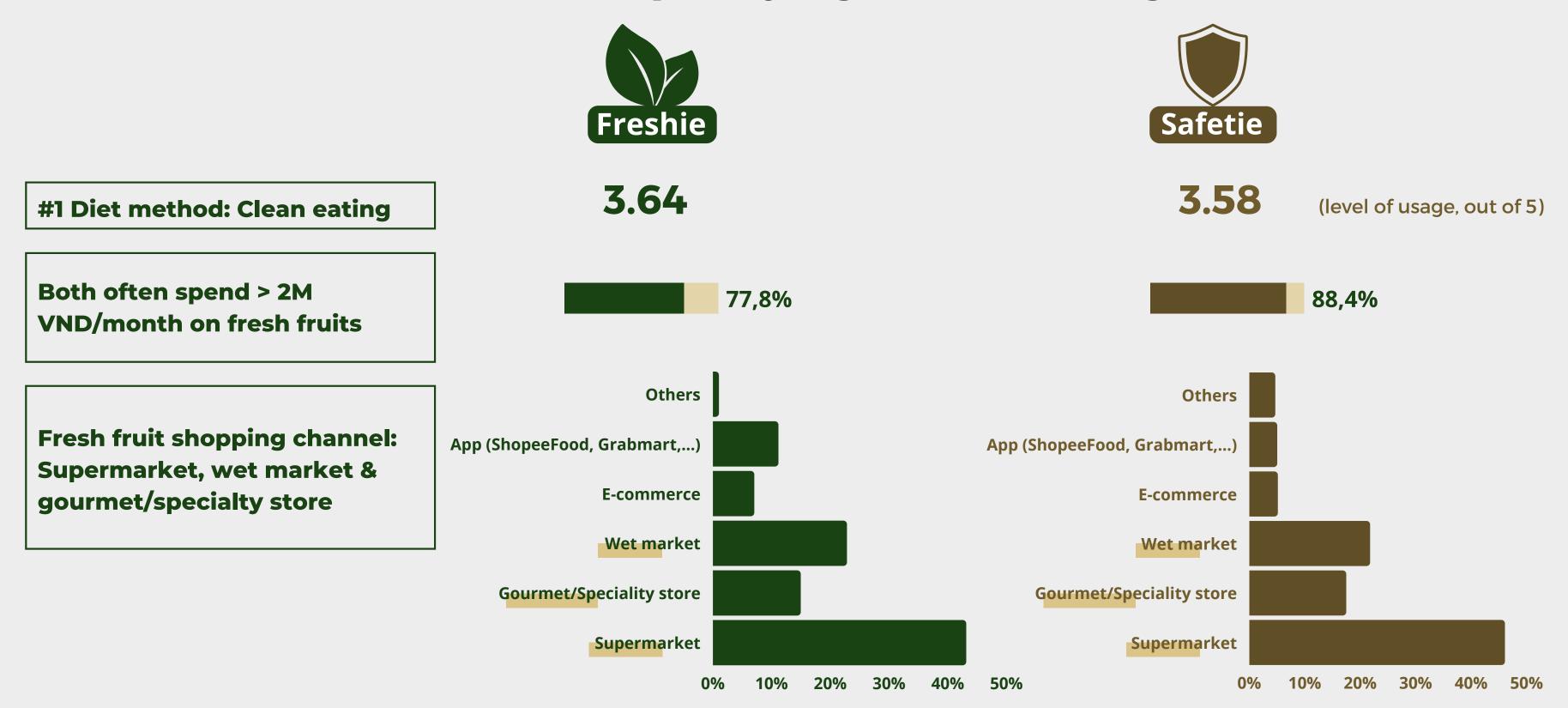






Most are female, especially wealthy elders. While most Safetie are married, the majority of Freshies are still single

Potential Consumers Group: Buying & Consuming Behaviours





Both Safetie & Freshie love clean eating. Safetie is willing to spend more on fresh fruits. Over 50% choose to buy in supermarkets & wet markets

Potential Consumers Group: Key Factors







Priority

(Mean = 4.33)

Safety

(Mean = 4.67)





Consideration

(Mean = 4.67)(Mean = 4.44) Taste Good value

(Mean = 4.4)(Mean = 4.42)





(Mean = 3.62)

Food traceability technology

(Mean = 4.07)





Safety, taste, good value & food traceability technology largely affect both groups' decision to buy fresh fruits

Potential Consumers Group: Information sources & Channels

Popular information sources

Digital Communication Channels

#1

#2

#3

Products in the retailers' stores

(Mean = 2.72)

Google search

(Mean = 2.05)

Family & Friends' stories

(Mean = 2.03)

Level of Frequency



~4.78/5



~4.84/5

For both group

Consumers often discover fresh fruit brands through retail stores, Google searches & WOM



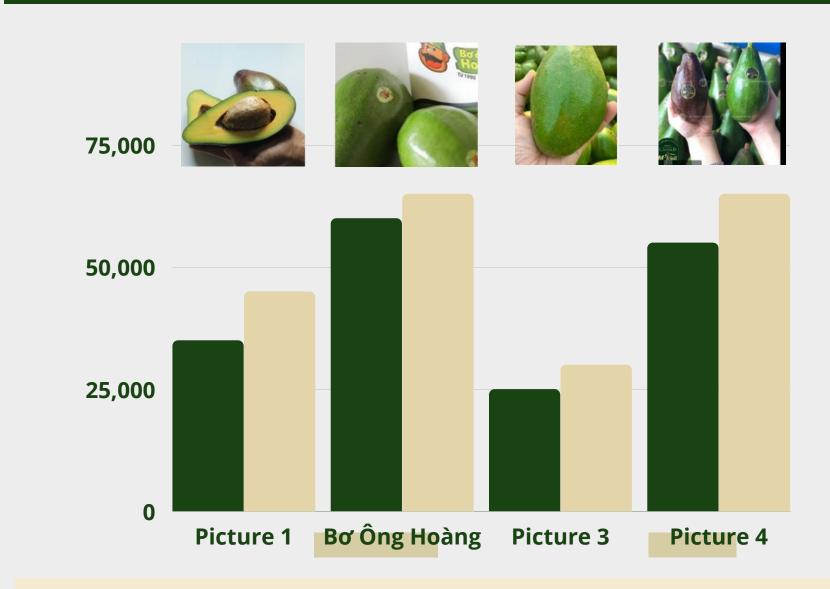
Facebook & Zalo are most used among both segments

Potential Consumers Group: Avocado Perception

Consumers' perception toward avocados



Criteria affecting avocado price



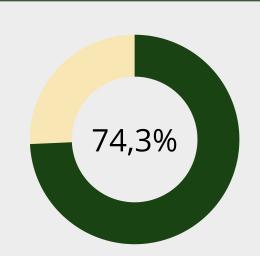
Both segments are willing to pay 30-65K/kg for all avocados with branded avocados being perceived more expensive



Consumers think of avocado as a healthy, delicious and nutritious fruit. Moreover, they consider branded avocados as higher quality, hence, more expensive

Potential Consumers Group: BOH Perception





Never heard of BOH

→ Low brand awareness

Perception of brand name "Bơ Ông Hoàng"



#1 High Quality

#2 Expensive

43 Organic

→The brand name conveys the image of organic premium avocadoes that BOH wants

Perception of Logo



#1 Funny

#2 Friendly

#3 Cute

→ Logo misdirects BOH's premium avocado image

Concern of BOH brand



#1 Price

#2 Quality

t3 Taste

→ Top concerns about BOH coincide with key factors when choosing fresh fruits



Most do not know about BOH. Moreover, BOH's brand name & logo give them conflicting impressions, with concerns about its price, quality & taste

Summary of Consumer Portrait



- Purchasing: spend high (> 2M/month) on fresh fruit in supermarkets, wet
 markets & gourmet stores
- Consuming: prefer **clean-eating** diet
- Communicating: Facebook & Zalo





- **Priority** factor: **Safety**
- Consideration factor: Tasty, Good Value
- Interest factor: Food Traceability Technology





- Retail stores' **display**
- Google searches
- Word-of-mouth





- For **general avocados**: A healthy, delicious and nutritious fruit
- For **branded avocados**: Higher quality and more expensive
- For **BOH**: **Mixed perceptions**
 - Brand name: High quality, Expensive & Organic
 - Logo: Funny, Friendly & Cute







Imagine you are in a supermarket, choosing some great avocados for yourself and your family

How would you know which avocados are SAFE, TASTY & GOOD VALUE?

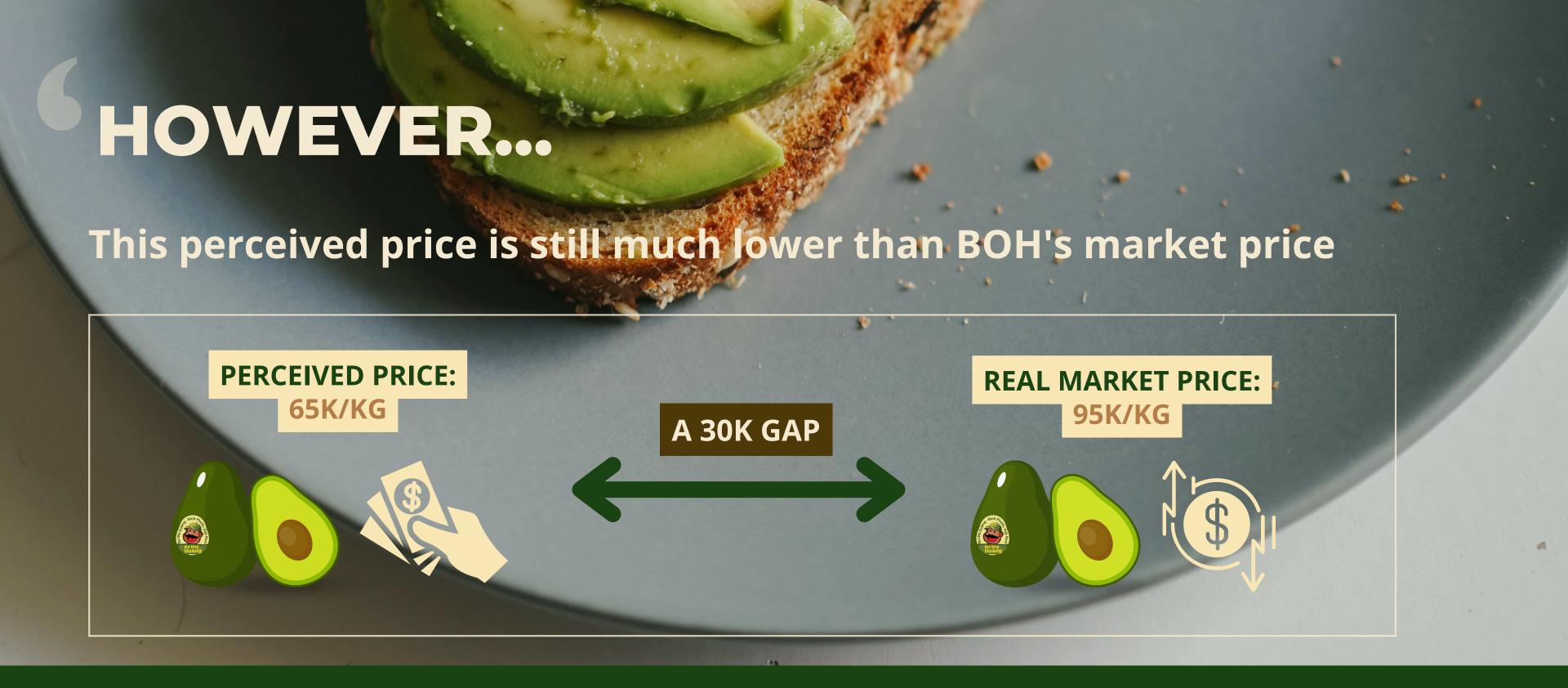
According to our research, both Freshie and Saftie consider all these three factors when shopping for avocados

And they use the **brand's logo** to evaluate this Fresh fruit brands with logo on are perceived **higher price**









WHY DOES THIS HAPPEN?

THE ANSWER IS...

CONFLICTING PERCEPTIONS

Consumers think of...

"BƠ ÔNG HOÀNG" BRAND NAME

WHILE



BOH'S LOGO

as

as

High quality

Expensive

Organic



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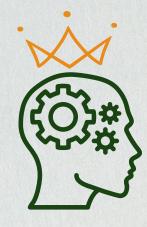
Insight



Understanding the benefits of eating quality fresh fruits, I am willing to pay more for premium ones. However, I also seek safe, tasty & good-value fruits to ensure my health, eating experience & purchase satisfaction. Therefore, brands with a clear representation of these features via **strong & consistent** communication of their premium image can gain my trust & motivate my purchase.



Objective



Within the next 6 months, BOH needs to **raise awareness** among consumers & make its **premium image consistent in consumers' perceptions**, especially when thinking, seeing, hearing & using BOH.

To achieve this, there are 2 goals:



• To rebrand BOH brand asset & personality on all communication channels



To further this rebranding strategy into suitable marketing tactics

When hearing of "BO' ÔNG HOÀNG", what do you remember first?

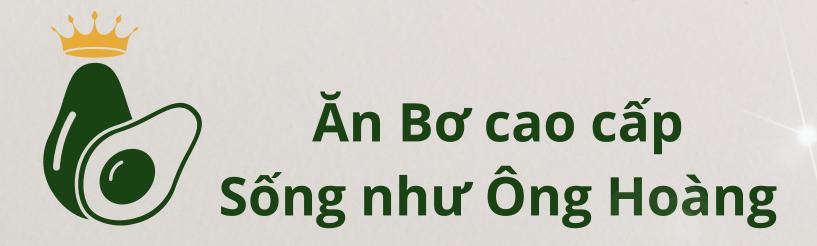
Yes, that's right. "ÔNG HOÀNG"

Interestingly, "KING" is the 4th mentioned word when hearing of "BOH"



BOH should leverage the "KING" image inside consumers' mind in its rebranding strategy

Big idea



Key message: BOH claims to serve consumers with premium "king" (Ông Hoàng) avocados so they can experience the life of a King:

- Eat **safely** like a King
- Eat deliciously like a King
- Be served with the best quality price-worthy fruits like a King



Functional Benefit



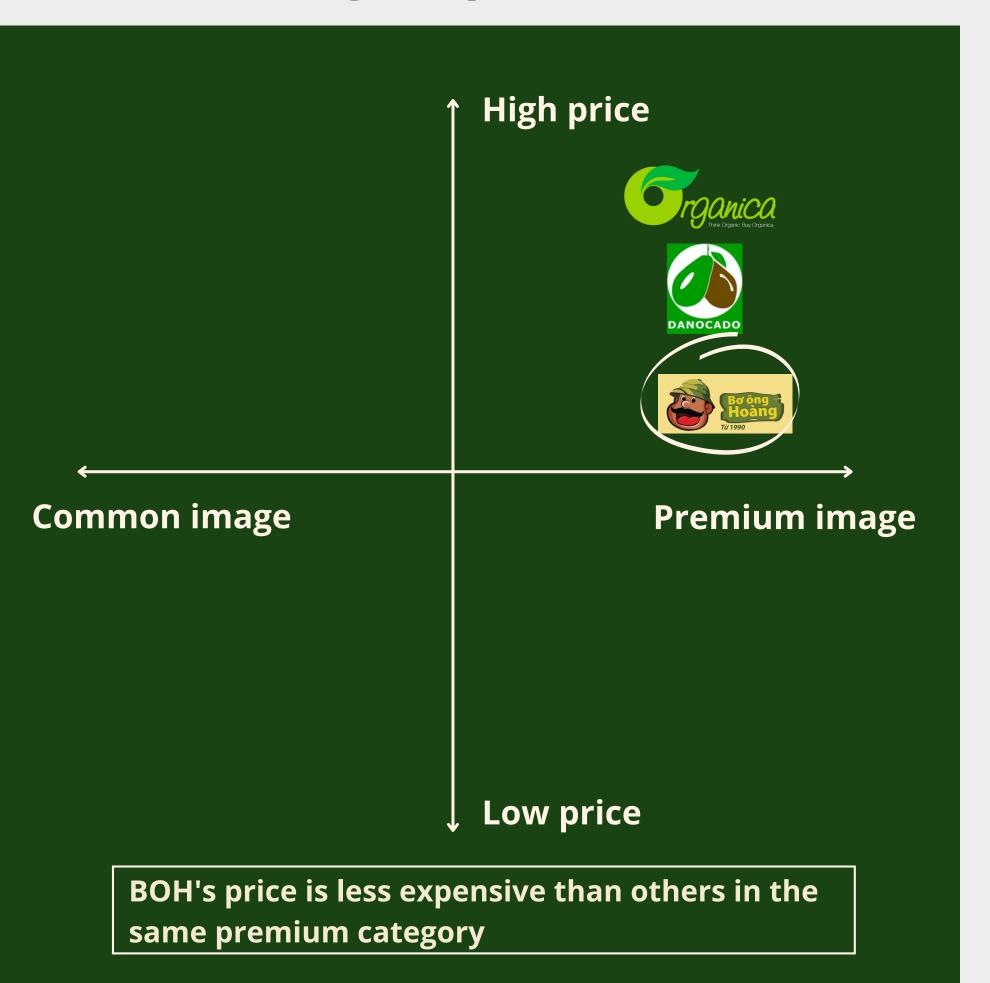
Emotional Benefit

Deliver BOH's **king premium-value** avocado offerings: safety, tastiness & good value at competitive price

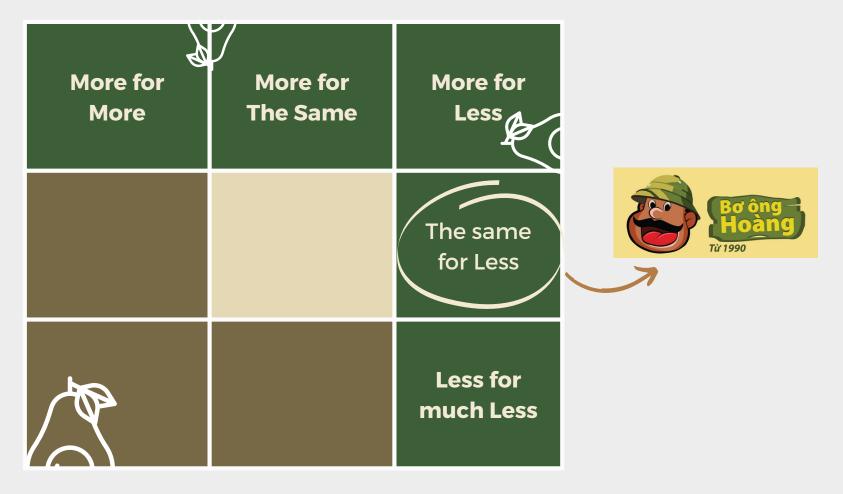
Provide **king premium experiences** in visual & communication when interacting and using BOH



Positioning Map

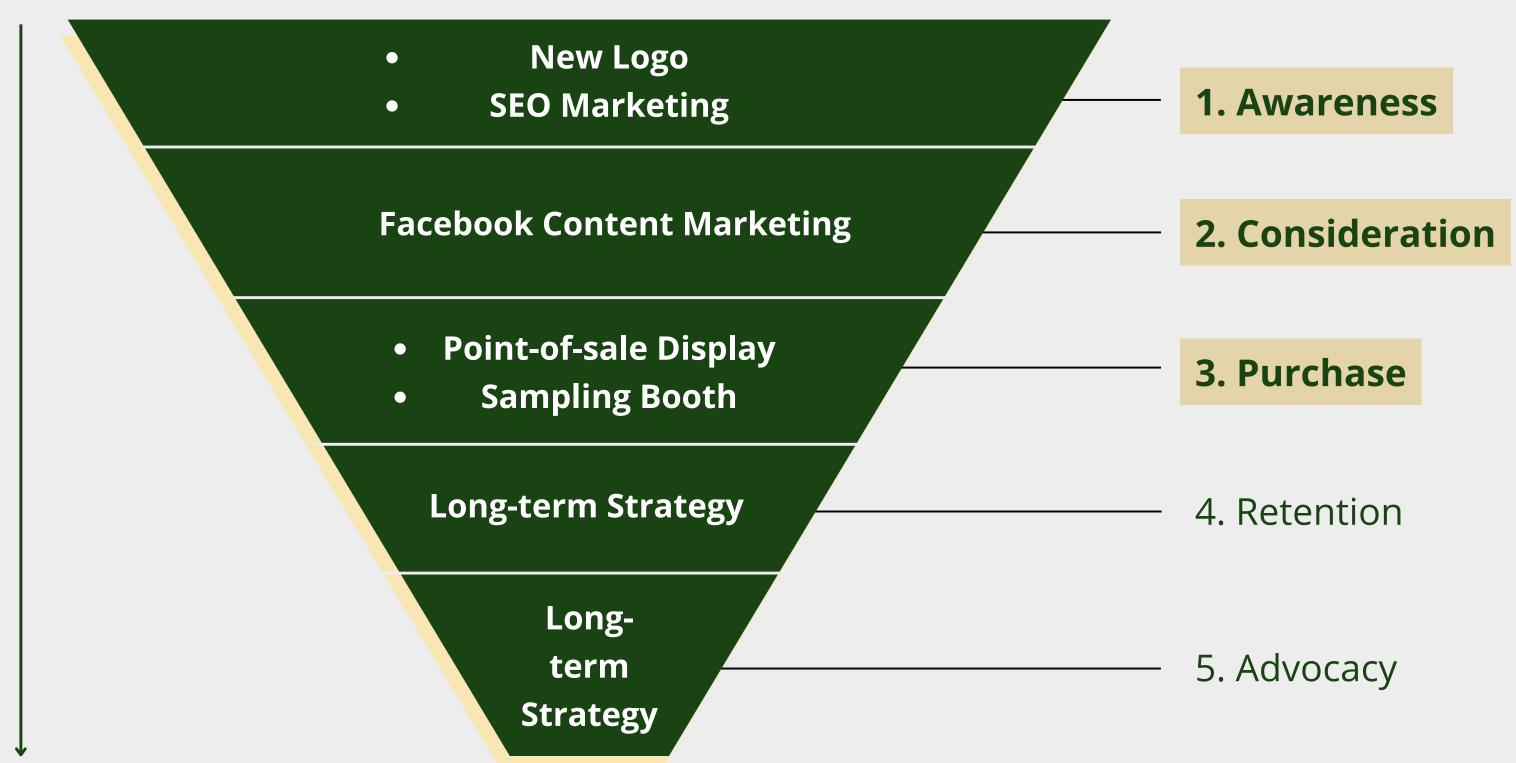






Consumer Journey & Marketing Fields 5 STAGES IN CONSUMERS' JOURNEY





Strategic Approach: New Logo

Target consumers



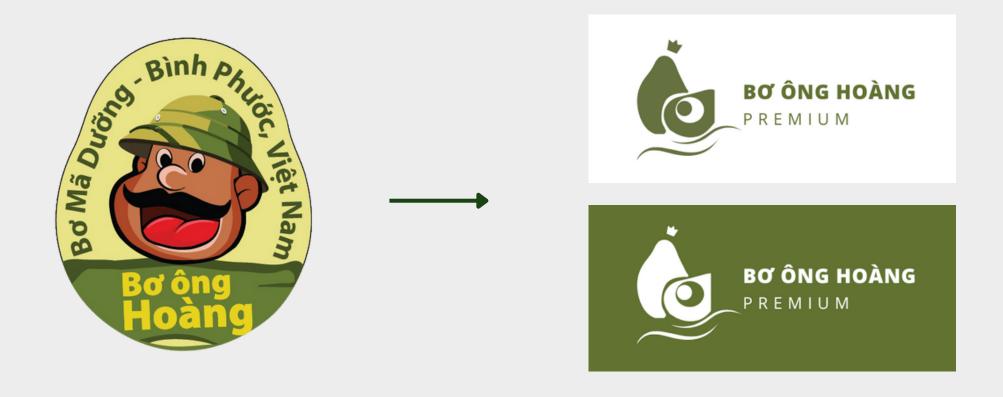
Meanwhile



Premium brands' visual perceptions are "Premium", "Professional", "High-quality" and "Exclusivity"

Potential logo

First step of BOH's rebranding strategy:





The new logo with the crown will express BOH as a premium brand and remind consumers of its brand name "Bơ Ông Hoàng"

Strategic Approach: Facebook Content Marketing

Target consumers

• use



the most

 are exposed to information sources from

#3 Family & Friends' stories

to discover fresh fruit brands

Potential online channel



Zalo mainly serves internal communication





Strategic Approach: Facebook Content Marketing

Target consumers

 are exposed to information sources from

#3 Family & Friends' stories

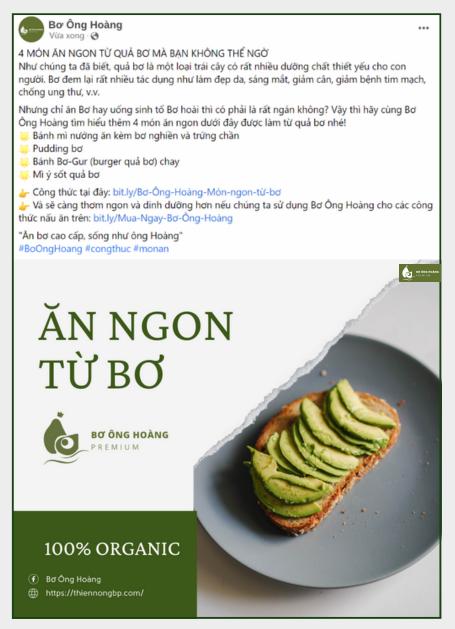
to discover fresh fruit brands

• engage in **Clean Eat** the most



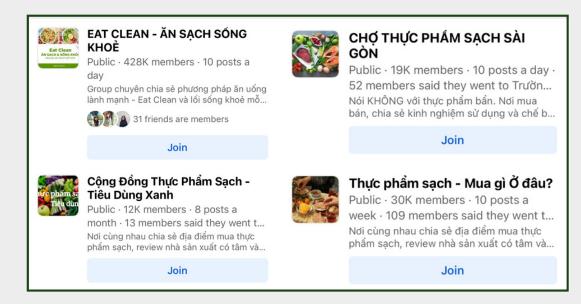
Potential content

Focus on delivering safety, taste & good value in a relevant & appealing way



Facebook post related to Clean Eat avocado recipes with great visuals

Avocado Clean Eat recipe contest

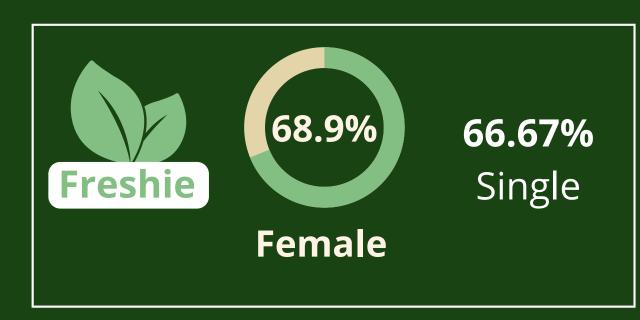


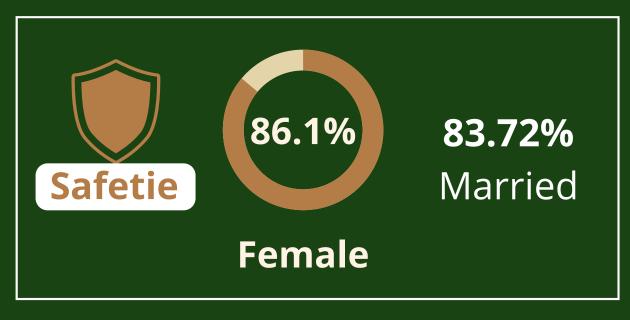
Seeding the contest in Facebook Community Groups:

- Utilize user-generated content
- Spread word-of-mouth from families and friends

Strategic Approach: Facebook Content Marketing

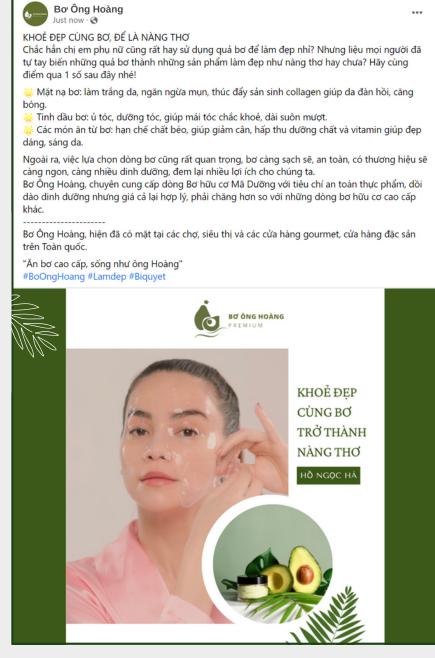
Target consumers





Potential content

Focus on delivering safety, taste and good value in a relevant and appealing way:



Facebook self-care content for Freshie



Facebook family-oriented content for Safetie

Strategic Approach: SEO Marketing

Target consumers

 are exposed to information sources from

#2 Google Search

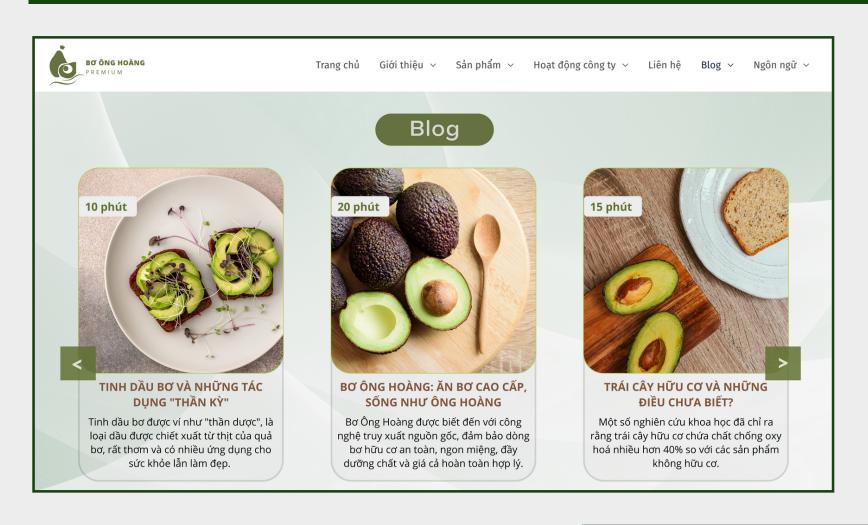
to discover fresh fruit brands

think of avocados as



"healthy",
"nutrition",
"delicious"

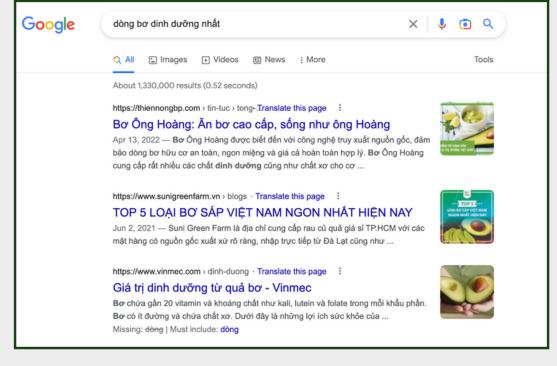
Potential action



Marketing by building relevant blogs on BOH's website with common avocados keywords

Invest in Google Search Ads & SEO to boost BOH's website ranking





Strategic Approach: POS Display & Sampling Booth

Target consumers

 are exposed to information sources from

Retail stores' display

to discover fresh fruit brands

buy fresh fruits at



Supermarket

Wet market

Gourmet/ specialty store

Potential offline channel



Has yet to distribute **BOH**



Not matching the premium image



BOH's partners with wide distribution



BOH should prioritize investment in its partnered gourmet retail stores as a potential offline communication channel as they are:



less costly



more convenient with existing partnerships



share the same consumer base with BOH

Strategic Approach: POS Display & Sampling Booth

Target consumers

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Retail stores' display

to discover fresh fruit brands

• buy fresh fruits at



Potential offline channel





POS display with clear logo and slogan, assisted by **video screen and QR code** to show its **tracing technology and safe origin**

