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## Connecting with Furniture Shoppers Online

Hint: the first step is to understand them!


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## Agenda

- Who we are
- What is going on in online retail
- What is going on in home furnishings
- The "journey of a furniture searcher"
- The ROI of online advertising
- Take-aways


## comScore Leverages Rich Panel Data to Deliver Unique and Broad Digital Business Analytics

## 2 Million Person Panel $360^{\circ}$ View of Person Behavior



The Only Global Measurement of Audience and E-commerce

## Validation of comScore Sales Data: <br> Comparison of comScore data to U.S. Department of Commerce

Quarterly U.S. e-Commerce Sales* (\$ Billions)
Source: comScore \& U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)


Quarterly U.S. e-Commerce Growth* vs. YA
Source: comScore \& U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)
$\square$ Dept. of Commerce (DOC) comScore Estimate of DOC




## Online Retail Trends

Following a soft 2009, total e-commerce sales through Q2 2010 were up 7\% versus year ago. Travel and non-travel up 5\% and 9\%, respectively.

## e-Commerce Dollar Sales Growth (\$ Billions)

Source: comScore e-Commerce Measurement

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## e-Commerce continues to gain share of retail spending on an apples-to-apples basis

## e-Commerce Share of Corresponding Retail Spending*

Source: comScore for e-Commerce \& U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) for Retail


The large mid-income segment, which had shown little signs of growth in prior quarters, grew at a rate of $11 \%$ in Q3 versus year ago; it contributed $5 \%$ of the total ecommerce growth for the quarter
e-Commerce Sales vs. YA by Income Segment
Source: comScore e-Commerce Measurement

| Income Segment | Online Retail Spending Growth in Q3 '10 vs. Q3 '08 | Online Retail Spending Growth in Q3 ' 10 vs. YA | Bracket Spending in Q3 '10 | Contribution of Total e-Commerce Growth for Q3 '10 |
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| Under \$50,000 | +3\% | +8\% | 21\% | +2\% |
| \$50,000-\$99,999 | +10\% | +11\% | 46\% | +5\% |
| \$100,000 or more | +3\% | +6\% | 33\% | +2\% |
| Total | +6\% | +9\% | 100\% | +9\% |

## Six in ten consumers say the Internet has become important when making buying decisions and 59\% of them say it has increased in the past year

## Importance of the Internet in Making Purchasing Decisions

Q. In the past 3 months, how important has the Internet become in providing you with information to help you make buying decisions?
Q. How has this changed versus a year ago?

Source: comScore Survey - July 2010


םSlightly/very important
-Slightly/very unimportant
$\square$ Neither important nor unimportant


## Consumer loyalty to specific retailers and brands has steadily decreased over the past two years, while likelihood to shop online for deals has risen

## How Consumers Are Cutting Shopping Expenses

Q. Please indicate how you are cutting your shopping expenses

Source: comScore Surveys - July \& October 2008, April 2009, April \& July 2010

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2009 \end{aligned}$ | April 2010 | July <br> 2010 | \% Chg <br> (07/08 to 07/10) |
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| Reducing gift spending | 41\% | 51\% | 59\% | 57\% | 56\% | +15\% |
| Shopping at different retailers | 20\% | 25\% | 30\% | 33\% | 32\% | +12\% |
| Buying different brands (including generic brands) | 52\% | 51\% | 58\% | 57\% | 62\% | +10\% |
| Shopping online for deals | 24\% | 25\% | 33\% | 32\% | 32\% | +8\% |
| Signing up for retail point programs or customer loyalty programs | 22\% | 22\% | 27\% | 29\% | 29\% | +7\% |
| Using coupons more often when making purchases | 59\% | 62\% | 68\% | 64\% | 66\% | +7\% |
| Shopping only when there are sales (i.e. one day sales) | 40\% | 43\% | 41\% | 43\% | 44\% | +4\% |
| Shopping at secondhand stores, garage sales, etc. | 30\% | 33\% | 30\% | 31\% | 33\% | +3\% |
| Shopping less frequently | 68\% | 71\% | 70\% | 72\% | 69\% | +1\% |
| Buying in bulk at warehouse/discount retailers like Costco, Sam`s Club, BJ`s etc. | 27\% | 28\% | 31\% | 28\% | 28\% | +1\% |
| Shopping at auction sites such as ebay.com | 13\% | 14\% | 14\% | 13\% | 13\% | 0\% |
| Only shopping for basic necessities | 66\% | 67\% | 60\% | 62\% | 65\% | -1\% |

## Most product categories showed sales growth vs year ago. Consumer electronics and computers have shown strength throughout 2010

## Q2 2010 e-Commerce Sales Growth vs. YA by Retail Category

Source: comScore e-Commerce Measurement


## Half of consumers say they'll abandon their shopping cart if free shipping isn't offered, a quarter will only buy when free shipping is an option and $90 \%$ won't pay more than $\$ 10$

## 51\% of consumers are at least 'somewhat likely' to cancel their entire purchase if free shipping is not offered.*

Q. In general, how much are you willing to pay for shipping on a purchase made online? Source: comScore Survey - July 2010


Special pricing, future discounts and rewards/incentives are appealing alternatives to free shipping for consumers

## Free Shipping Alternatives

Q. If free shipping was not offered on an order, which of the following would make you more likely to continue with your purchase anyway?

Source: comScore Survey July 2010


## 22\% of Twitter users follow businesses to find special deals, promotions or sales

## Consumer Usage of Twitter

Q. For which have you used Twitter?

Source: comScore Survey July 2010


## Online Home Furnishings

In the first 8 months of 2010, Online Home Furniture Sales show strong growth over 2009


## Top 15 Most Visited Home Furniture/Furnishing Sites - Sept 2010

- IKEA.com far and away outpaces other furniture other furniture sites with 2.9MM unique visitors to their website in September 2010
- Rent-A-Center saw the highest Year over Year growth with 32\% from September 2009



## There has been significant growth in the Flash Sale sites, including those that focus specifically on Home Furnishings

- OneKingsLane.com launched in April 2009 pioneered the home goods-focused flash sales
- Gilt.com which initially focused on apparel and accessory flash sales added home sales in May 2010


In addition to the Gilt.com, other Flash Sale sites also have "Home" and "Living" sections

## HAUTELOOK

Welcome, Jennifer (Sign Out) Invites Credits Account Help Cart

| All Events | Women | Beauty |
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Living
© Invite a friend, get \$10 Send


PANGEA Furniture Modern side tables, chairs and more Sale events ending soon


Horizon Lighting
Ends Fri. 10 M5 at 6:00 AMPT


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Upcoming sale events Beginning daily at 8:00 AM PT

Fri Fall Boot Event 10/15 Soia \& Kyo Baby Quasar Honeydew Intimates Pure \& Simple L.A.M.B. Watches Blush by Us Angels Michael Kors Bedding Morgan Ashleigh Culturata


sugar plum chocolate ENDS IN 1 DAY

## Repeat Visitation at Home Furnishing and Flash Sale sites

- Not surprisingly, Flash Sale sites are seeing higher return visitors than traditional Home Furnishing sites
- Slightly higher repeat visitation at PB Teens and Kirkland's


## U.S. Visits per Visitors - September 2010 <br> Source: comScore Media Metrix



## Flash Sale Sites: An Opportunity for Retailers?

- Flash Sale sites have typically been made up of brands rather than retailers
- In August 2010, Target partnered with Gilt.com to promote select items from three new Target designer collections before they hit stores - in the Apparel, Accessories and Home Décor categories



## What about Group buying?

## Groupon Smashes Sales Records with Nationwide Gap Deal

- First National Deal
- 441,000 Groupons sold
- Bringing in approximately \$11MM



## Walmart Takes a Page From Groupon in Facebook Promotion

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## Journey of a Furniture Searcher

## Case Study

- Searchers who searched for "Furniture"
- Shopping for furniture online often begins with a general search on one of the big 5 search engines


## furniture

A 0 furniture $\quad$ SEARCH >


YАНОО!

## The Searcher - Who are they?

## - 18.5MM Searches on Furniture

- 8\% growth in Searches \& 11\% Searchers of the term "Furniture" Y/Y
- Households with an income of $\$ 25-49 \mathrm{~K}$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{~K}+$ increased their share $\mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{Y}$
- Searches age 55-64 grew 16\% Y/Y


Household Income


Household Age


## The Searcher - Where are they?



Who's getting the biggest share of voice for "furniture" searches?

- Target captured nearly 5\% of the total Sponsored Link Exposures while JCPenney captured just over 3\%
- That is a difference of almost 2 million exposures

Share of Voice for "Furniture"<br>Source: comScore Marketer - August 2010


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## Target is buying most of their click-driven traffic, but the other sites are getting more traffic organically - specifically Ashley

- Paid or Organic? Which strategy pays off for broad non-branded terms?

| Total Clicks (MM) | 10.49 |
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| Paid Clicks (MM) | 2.34 |
| Organic Clicks (MM) | 8.15 |
| \% Paid | $22.28 \%$ |

Top Retail Site Destinations from "Furniture" Searches
Source: comScore Marketer - August 2010


- Paid Clicks
- Organic Clicks
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## The Impact of Online Advertising on In-Store Sales

La-Z-Boy served over 150MM display ad impressions over the summer months. Most retailers partnered with Social Media sites \& Portals

## Top Home Furnishing Advertisers by Total Display Impressions (000)



Top Publishers Across all Home Furnishing Advertisers by Total Display Ad Impressions (000)


## What is Being Advertised



It's your crib. Your Cave. Your Cha-Cha Lounge.
Create your dream dorm with gear from Walmart


## Advertising Development Process



## Over Half of the Impact of Advertising is Driven by the Strength of Creative

> \% Influence on Shifts in Brand Sales Source: comScore ARS Global Validation Summary

Price, promotion and distribution

## Other 35\%



Elements such as GRPs,
wearout \& continuity/
flighting of airing

Creative is 4 X more impactful in influencing sales than the media plan

Quality of the creative based on ARS Persuasion Score*

## Retailer display ads successfully build sales - both online and offline

- How can retailers quantify the impact of online advertising on online sales?
- Purchase rarely takes place during the same session as exposure
- Even more rarely as a result of a click
- For Brick \& Mortar retailers, how do you measure the impact of online ad exposure on offline sales?
- Current lack of visibility into offline purchasing consistently leads to dramatic underestimation of display advertising ROI.


For multi-channel retailers, higher offline sales lifts are seen from search vs. display advertising, but combined the synergy provides an even greater lift

Incremental Lift in Retailers' Offline Sales per (000) Exposed
Source: comScore Ad Effectiveness Solutions


For multi-channel retailers, the higher reach of display ads often helps lift total offline sales more than does search. But, synergy gains can be obtained by using display overlaid on a search campaign

- The overall number of people reached by display ads is typically much higher than search
- As a result, even though the sales lift among those exposed to a search ad is higher, the total dollar sales gained from display ads is often larger than search due to the smaller lift acting on a larger base
\% of Households Reached


Incremental Impact on Offline Sales per
(000) Exposed


Total Sales Volume Lift Index


Note: 0 equals par in above chart.

## Key Take-Aways

- Over time, eCommerce is continuing to become a bigger piece of total retail sales
- Consumers are still buying but they are looking for real or perceived value from retailers
- Consumers are leveraging the internet more now than ever in an effort to find the best deals (especially search)
- Search and display marketing work hand-in-hand in boosting Instore sales
- Just like in traditional marketing channels, the quality of your creative plays a significant part in the success of your campaign

