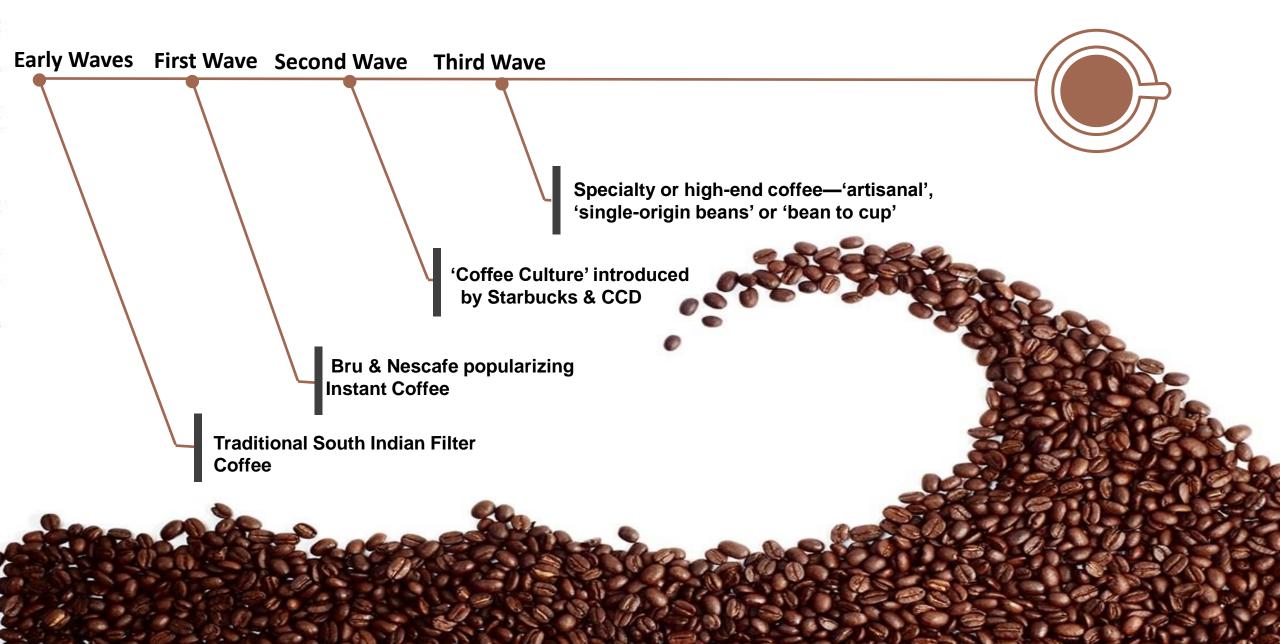
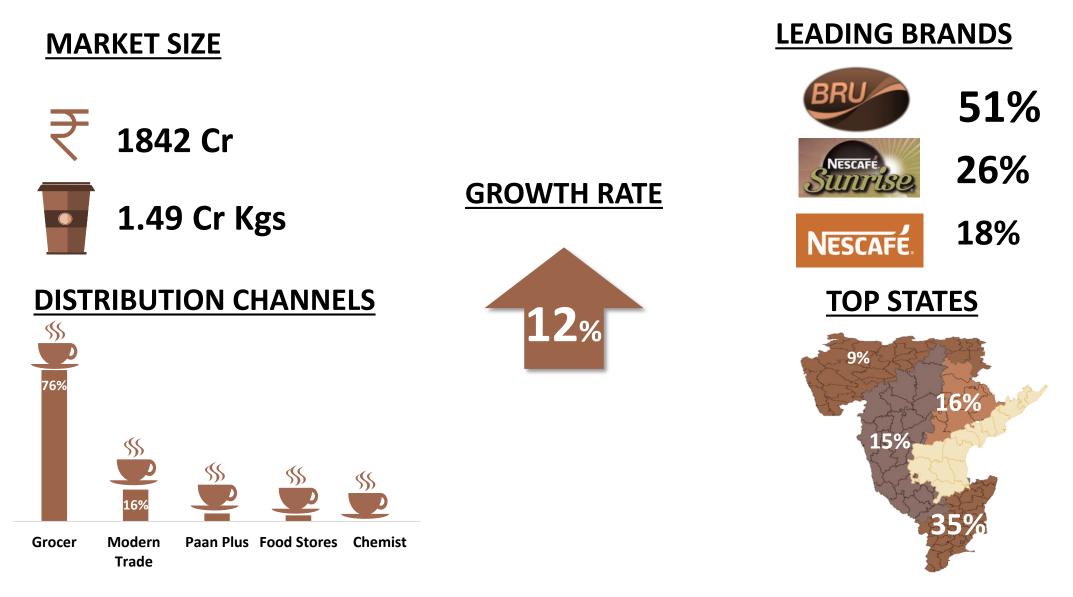
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COFFEE WAVES IN INDIA



INSTANT COFFEE CATEGORY AT A GLANCE IN INDIA

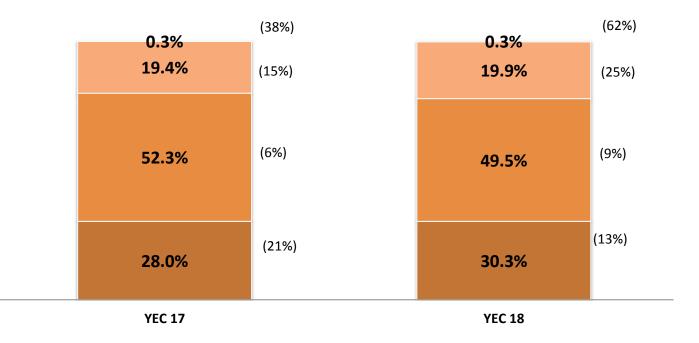


Source: RMS

SUPER-PREMIUM INSTANT COFFEE SEGMENT

SEGMENT WISE VOLUME CONTRIBUTION

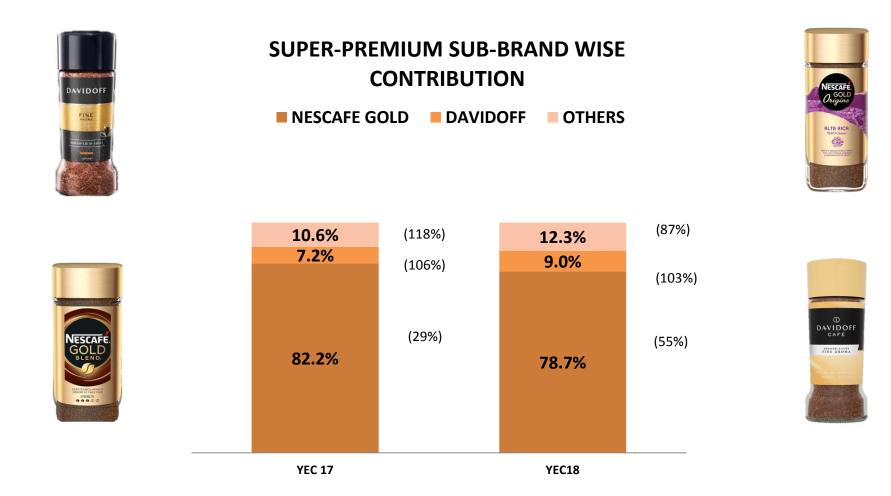
MASS POPULAR PREMIUM SUPER PREMIUM



The contribution of the super-premium segment to the total category is very low, however, it slowly on the rise. Although the super premium segment is growing at a very fast rate, its base is too small to reach a conclusion.

Source: RMS

SUPER-PREMIUM INSTANT COFFEE SUB-BRANDS



Around 85% of the Super-Premium segment is dominated by Nescafe Gold and Davidoff.

SPECIALTY COFFEE IN INDIA

Special geographic microclimates producing beans with unique flavor profiles is referred to as 'specialty coffee.'– Specialty Coffee Association of America



35% of all exported coffee from India are 'specialty coffee.' Recent uptick in specialty coffee from Indian consumers owing to rising **'Third Wave Roasters'**



"No validated domestic data by the government on specialty coffee as it is difficult to track the journey from bean to roaster" - Dr Ashwini Kumar, Research Chair at the Coffee Board



CAGR : 12% between 2012 and 2017 * Projected CAGR : 6.9% predicted from 2017 to 2022 *



*Source : Euromonitor International



BLUE TOKAI COFFEE

Single origin, Bean to Cup and 100% Arabica

"Our consumer base is within 25 – 45 years who are more aware of their choices and what they are consuming – they know the difference between a great coffee and good coffee" – Rhea Sanghi, Marketing Head Blue, Tokai

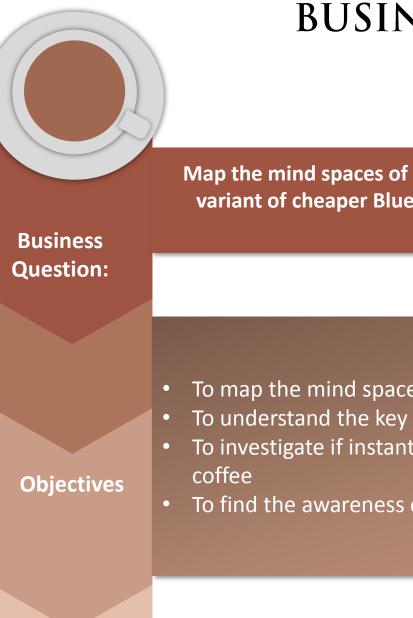


Online Retail, Whole Sale and Cafes



Also sells Giftpacks, Coffee machines and Merchandise

Source: Business Insider (2017)

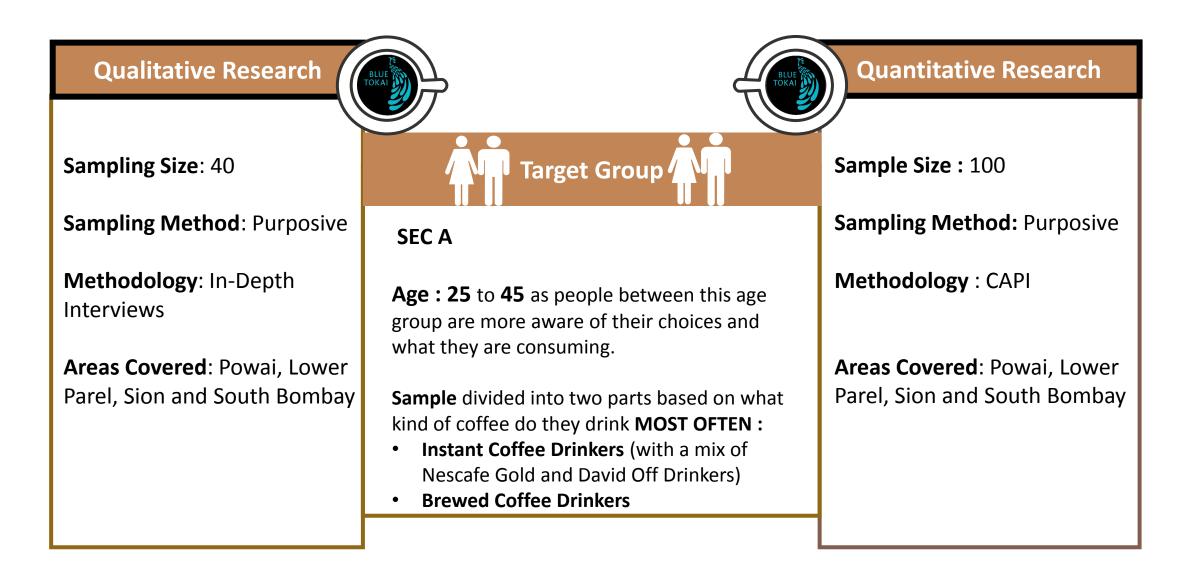


BUSINESS QUESTION

Map the mind spaces of coffee drinkers in the Country and work if its possible to launch a new variant of cheaper Blue Tokai instant coffee through retail to compete with Nescafe Golds & **Davidoff of the World**

- To map the mind spaces of coffee drinkers
- To understand the key drivers and barriers for Instant coffee and Brewed Coffee drinkers
- To investigate if instant coffee and brewed coffee drinkers want to have a premium Instant
- To find the awareness of Blue Tokai amongst coffee drinkers

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY



COFFEE CATEGORY CODES

RESIDUAL CODES

Coffee as a category is no longer just a beverage which is consumed owing to Habit, Tradition or Satiation "Its easy to make a cup of instant coffee anywhere and anyplace" – Male,29

EMERGING CODES

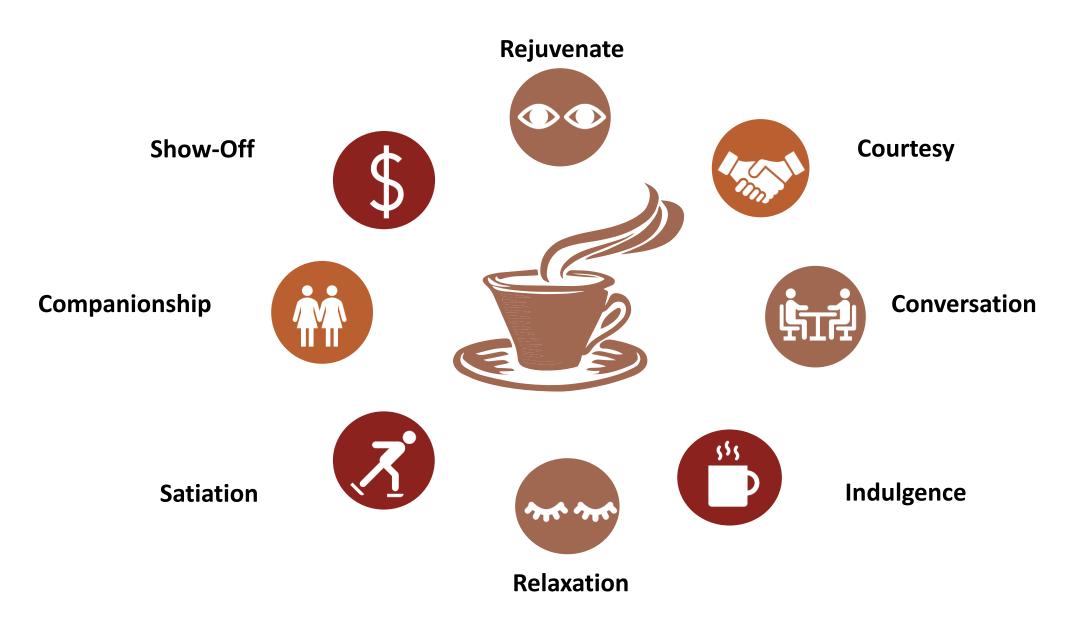
Coffee that expresses identity and individuality i.e. my evolved taste, coolness and premium status

" Back in the days, I drank only filter coffee because that was the norm of the day but now apart from my usual filter coffee.. I drink in cafes with my friends often"- Female, 34

DOMINANT CODES

Coffee as a category is mostly associated with convenience and lifestyle "Coffee is very personal to me..so whenever I buy one I make sure it matches my palate and has a nice look and feel to it" – **Female, 31**

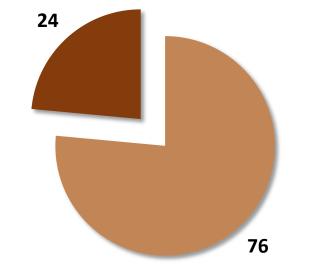
NEED STATES OF COFFEE





SAMPLE

Most Often Drink: Brewed vs Instant



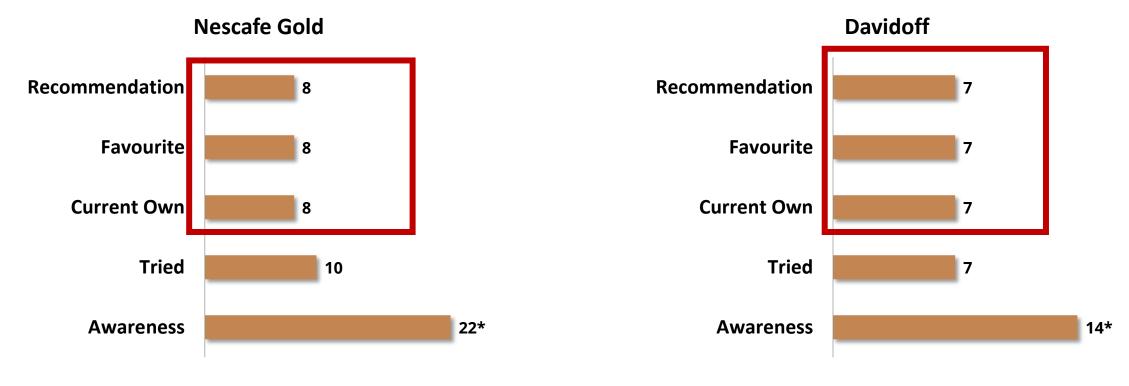
Instant coffee Brewed coffee

Base :100



INSTANT COFFEE : *Convenience Aspires to Quality*

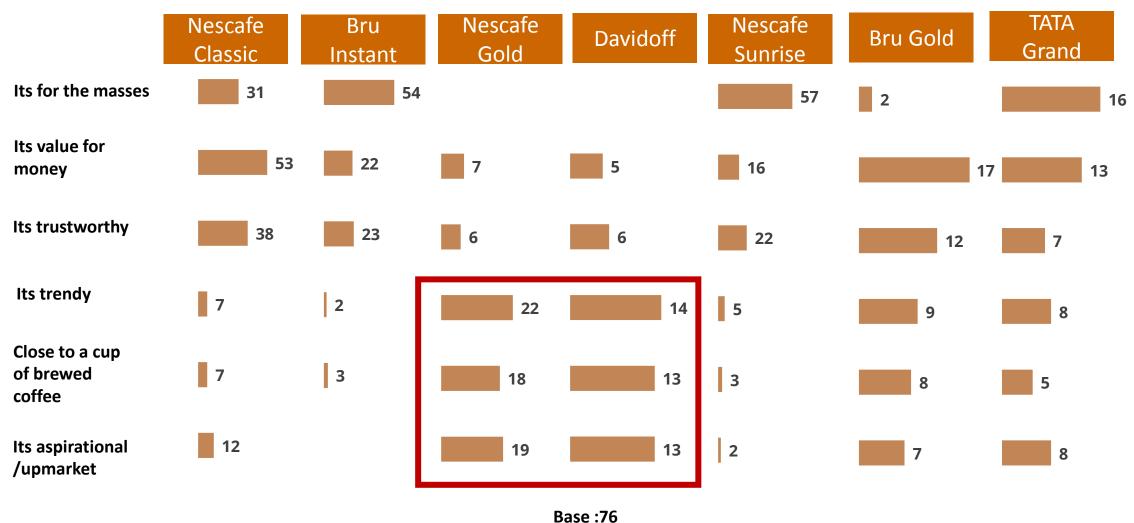
SUPER PREMIUM SEGMENT : BRAND LEVERAGE





Although, the awareness of both the Brands are quite low, the conversion of trialist to current users, users to favorites and favorites to recommenders is very high. In short, instant coffee drinkers who have once tried these brands have since been loyalists.

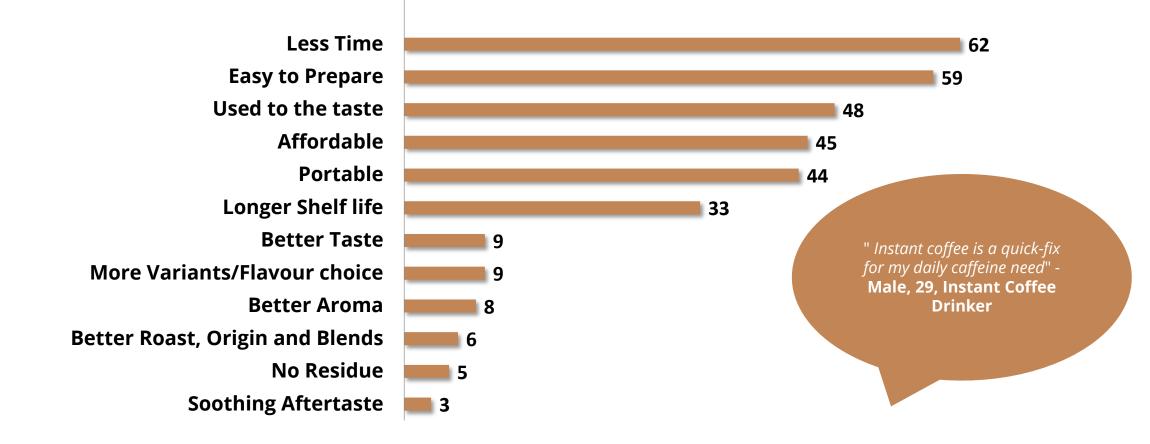
BRAND PERCEPTION MAP



Davidoff and Nescafe Gold are mostly perceived as 'upmarket,' 'close to brewed coffee' and 'trendy'

REASONS FOR CONSUMING INSTANT COFFEE MOST OFTEN

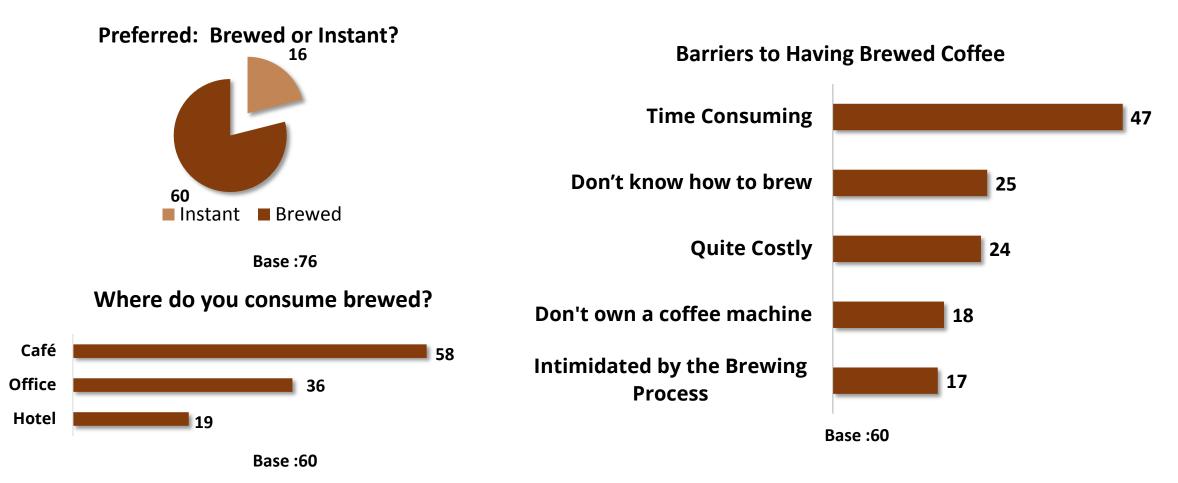
Reasons for Buying Instant Coffee





The most important reasons to use Instant Coffee are Convenience i.e. Less Time and Easy to Prepare

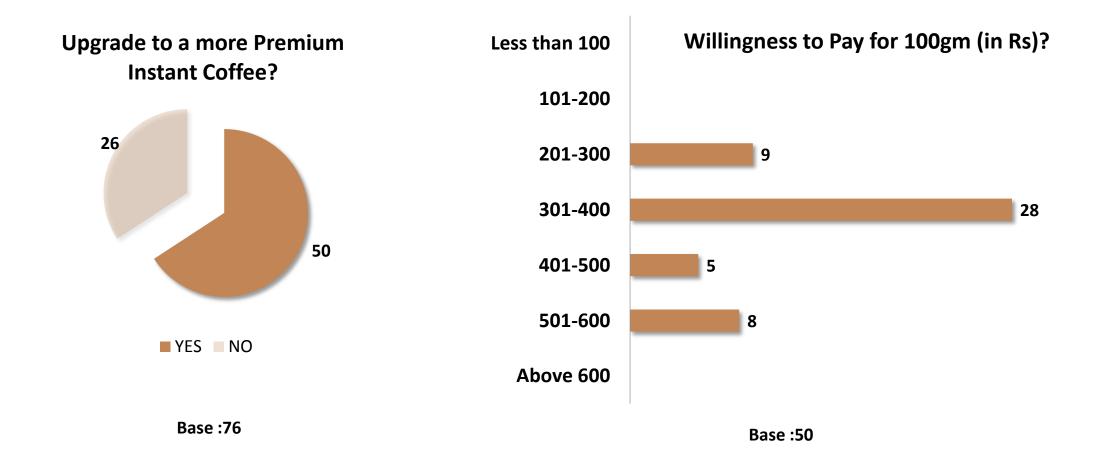
MOST OFTEN VS. PREFERRED



Although, most often people consume Instant Coffee there is a high preference for brewed coffee amongst them which is usually consumed in offices and cafes

Having said that, the deterrents to consuming brewed coffee are the time, technical know-how and cost related to brewing

TO UPGRADE OR NOT TO ?



Most Instant Coffee drinkers want to upgrade to a more Premium Coffee with the highest willingness to pay within the range of Rs. 300-400

WHY UPGRADE?

Triggers to Upgrade

Want the coffee to taste Fresh Want the Aroma to stay longer Want something more trendy Want more variants/flavours Want better Blends,Roasts and Origin Want to have Healthy coffee Want Sustainably Sourced coffee Want more Arabica than Robusta



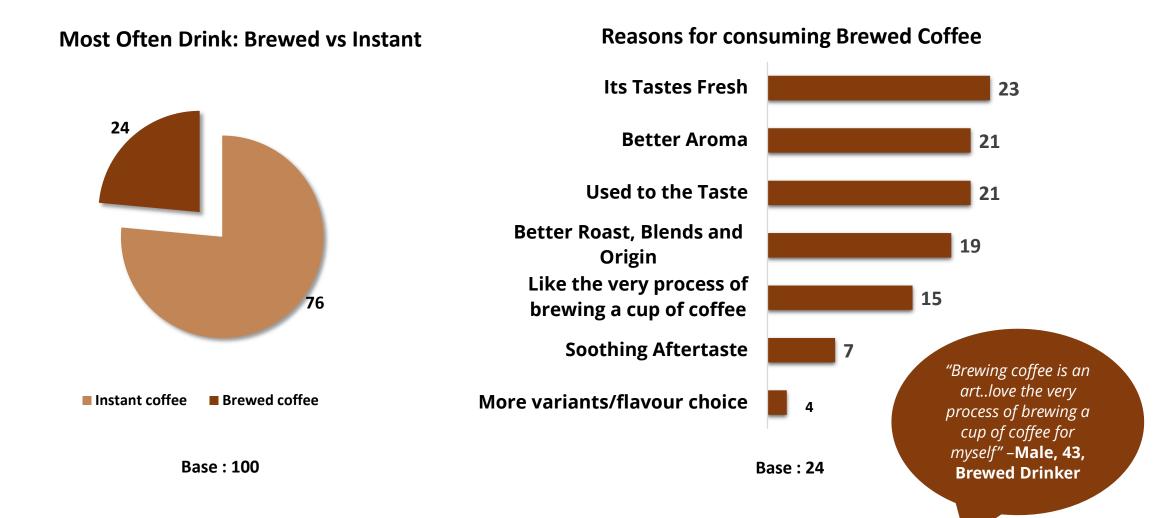
Base :50

Most Instant Coffee drinkers want to upgrade as they wish to have coffee which tastes close to a freshly brewed, Aroma stays for a longer time and is attractive/ trendy.

BREWED COFFEE: Quality Desires Convenience

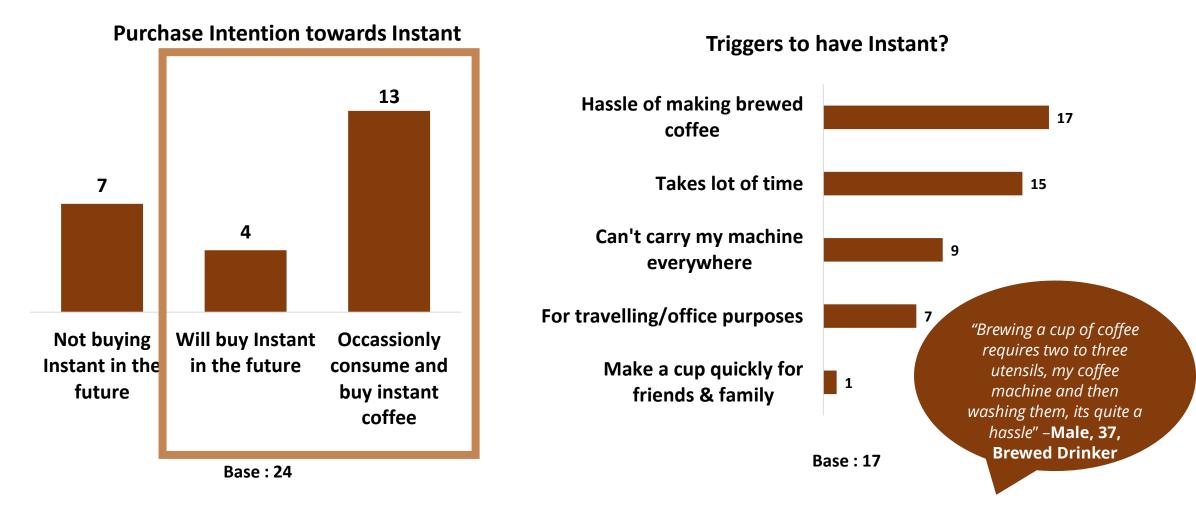


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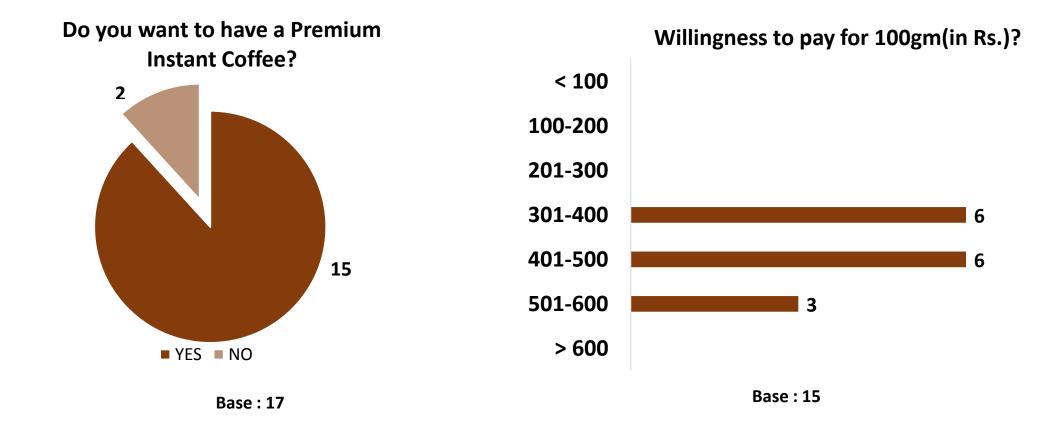
Mostly Brewed Coffee drinkers have it owing to Freshness, Aroma and Quality.

DO THEY WANT TO HAVE INSTANT?



Mostly Brewed Coffee drinkers want to purchase Instant Coffee owing to the hassle and time taken to make brewed coffee.

TO HAVE INSTANT OR NOT TO ?



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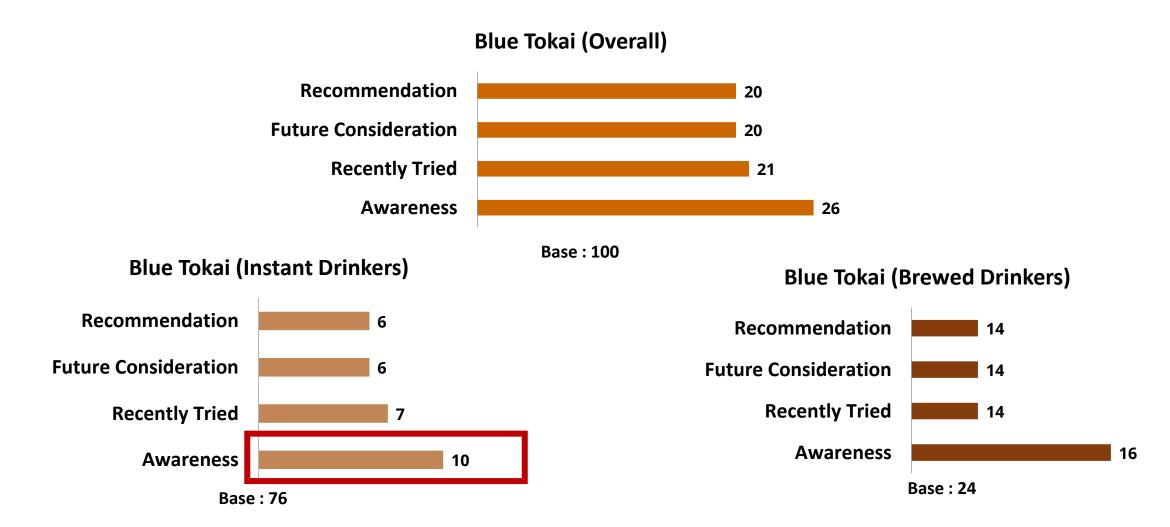
BLUE TOKAI : Can the brand be leveraged so that *Convenience meets Quality?*



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COFFEE ROASTERS

LEVERAGING BLUE TOKAI

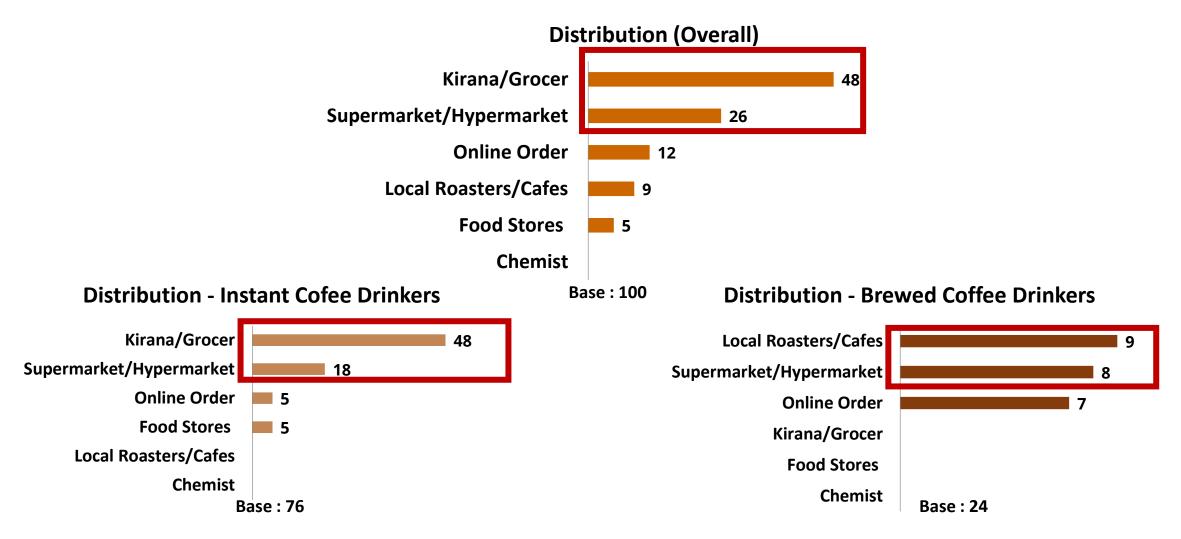


The awareness of Blue Tokai is very low amongst Instant Coffee Drinkers as compared to Brewed Drinkers. However, both show high conversion from trialists (past three months) to future consideration and future consideration to recommended.

DISTRIBUTION : *But is it Possible?*



DISTRIBUTION ASPECTS



Blue Tokai mostly sells through online, their own cafes and wholesale (hotels, canteens and etc). It will be an uphill task to align their distribution channel as mostly coffee drinkers buy from Kirana or Supermarkets.

CHALLENGES : Will Brewed meet Instant?





COFFEE SPECIALISTS SPEAK

"Specialty coffee roasters are used to making blends in small batches. Maintaining consistency of aroma and flavor will be difficult in large batches" – Male, Brewmaster, Starbucks

"Supply chain will be a big issue....As specialty roasters trade in single origins or location specific blends, they are usually tied to limited but quality farms as a result they will face problems to source beans for commercial instant coffee production. "- Male, Café Manager/Barista, Blue Tokai

"Aroma and flavor are dependent on the extraction process. Mainstream instant production totally destroys the integrity of coffee. Freeze drying is a great process to get a brewed like taste in instant as it brews them in small batches to retain the flavors and aroma in very low temperatures. But the process is time consuming, labour intensive and increases the cost per cup" – Male, Barista, Gloria Jean Cafe



FINDINGS & CHALLENGES



There are two potential set of consumers whom Blue Tokai should target for its instant coffee:
Instant coffee drinkers who want to upgrade to a premium instant coffee as they want better quality and something more trendy

- Brewed coffee drinkers who want a premium instant coffee owing to convenience



Amongst people who wish to upgrade, Brewed Coffee drinkers have a higher propensity to pay than instant coffee drinkers



Overall, there is low awareness about Blue Tokai. Moreover, amongst instant coffee drinkers the awareness is alarmingly low.



Distribution will be a big challenge for Blue Tokai as consumers mostly buy coffee from kirana and supermarets where Blue Tokai is not present at the moment.

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