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Rising Stars Display Ad Effectiveness

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Agenda

- The Evidence: IAB Display Rising Star Ads are More Effective than Legacy UAP Ads
- The Insights: Why IAB Display Rising Star Ads are More Effective
- Q&A

The Evidence: IAB Display Rising Star Ads are More Effective than Legacy UAP Ads

Research Objective

- Assess the Effectiveness of IAB Display Rising Star Ads in brand building.
- Assess the role of Interactivity of IAB Display Rising Star Ads on brand building.

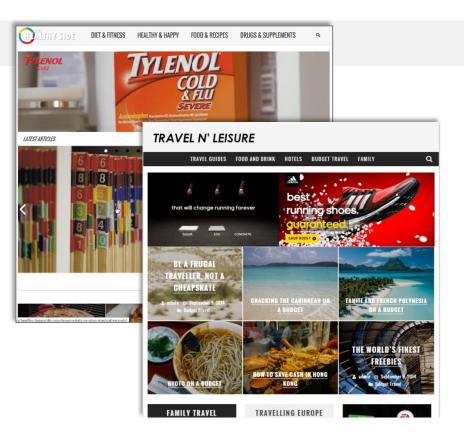


Test Websites Created by C3R

Why Travel and Health?

• Themes Selected for Universal Appeal.

 Content Least Sensitive to Change Over Time.



Rising Star Ads Tested



Phase 1: Eye Tracker Sessions N=96



Browsing on an Eye Tracker

- Free Browsing
- 50/50 Browsing



Computer Survey

- Unaided & Aided Ad Recall
- Quick 3 Second Exposure Followed by Attention Ratings
- Full Ad Exposure Followed by Engagement, Persuasion and Brand Ratings



Qualitative Interview

- Understand the Processing of Ads Through Eye Gaze
- Grounded Theory Development

Phase 2: National Survey N=1515



Browsing

- Free Browsing on Test Site for 5 Minutes
- Website Controlled to Expose 1 Rising Star Ad and 1 Legacy UAP Ad



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Ad Recall

- Unaided and Aided Brand recall
- Asked if they recalled interacting with the ads.

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Free Browsing

- Brief 3 sec exposure to measure Attention.
- Full exposure to measure Engagement, Persuasion and Brand Equity ratings.

Option A (N=804)

Forced Exposure with no explicit instructions to Interact with the Ad

Option B (N=711)

Forced Exposure with Instructions to Interact with the Ad

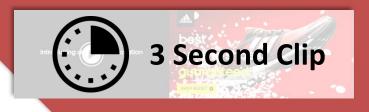


Hypothesis Testing

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Preconscious & Full Exposure

Fractional Exposure



Quick 3 Second Exposure Followed by Attention Ratings

Full Ad Exposure

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Full Ad Exposure Followed by Engagement, Persuasion and Brand Ratings



Ad Effectiveness & Brand Lift C3Research AEP Model was Used for Ad Effectiveness & Brand Lift



Attention • Less Avoidance – 2 items • Comprehension – 2 items • Scroll Speed – 2 items • Interest – 3 items	Engagement • Humor – 2 items • Emotional – 2 items • Not Annoying – 2 items • Tasteful – 3 items • Design – 2 items • Creative – 2 items • Entertaining – 2 items	 Persuasion Changed Thinking – 2 items Relevance – 2 items Trust – 2 items Novelty – 2 items Useful Information – 2 items No Counter Thoughts – 2 items
Reliability Score (Cronbach Alpha) Range:	Reliability Score (Cronbach Alpha)	Reliability Score (Cronbach Alpha)
0.79 to 0.87	Range: 0.75 to 0.90	Range: 0.72 to 0.82

Brand Equity

- Brand Feelings
- Brand Consideration
- Brand Opinion

Reliability Score (Cronbach Alpha) 0.95

- Measured in post test.
- Brand Equity calculated as the average of the three items.

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rising stars

The BIG PICTURE

4X Higher Ad Recall

3X Higher Interaction Rate

5X Longer Gaze Duration

IAB Display Rising Star Ads

vs Legacy UAP Ads

1 29.5% Higher Brand Lift

Brand lift measured as brand equity change after exposure to ad

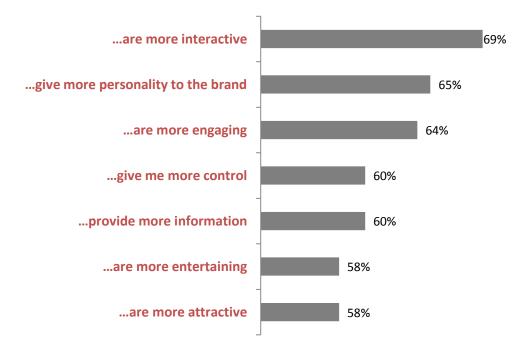
Even Stronger Brand Lift After Interaction

A Potentially New Genre Of Advertising

Attention

Ads were more interesting and respondents were less likely to avoid IAB Display Rising Star Ads.

Compared to the Legacy UAP Ads, IAB Display Rising Star Ads...





Engagement

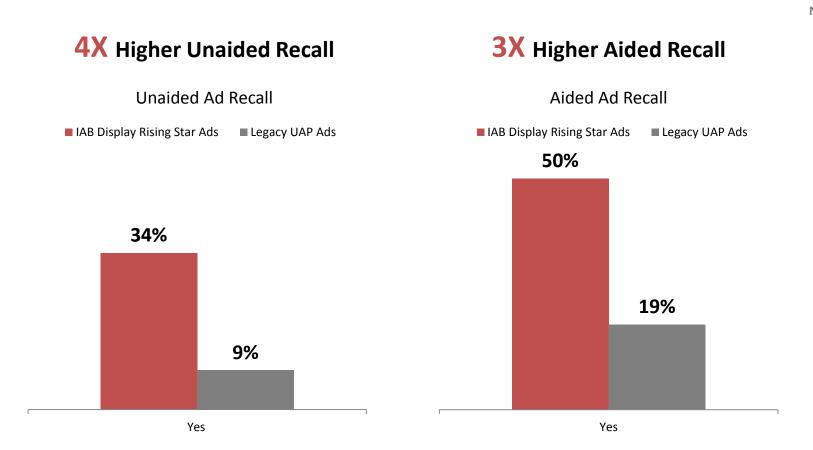
Persuasion

Ads were entertaining, creative, humorous, and evoked emotions. They were also less annoying.

Ads were higher on Useful Information, Trust, Novelty, Changed Thinking, and Relevance.



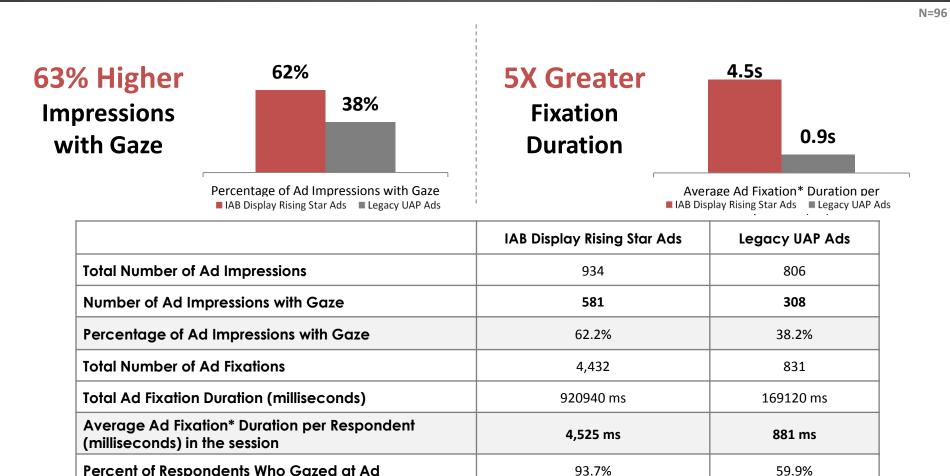
Ad Recall



N=1515

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Eye Tracker Gaze Data



*Measures the combined duration of each individual fixation on an ad.

Data based on Eye Tracking sessions.

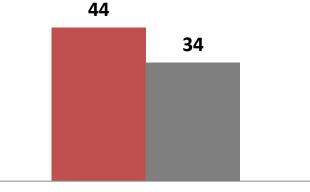


Brand Equity

N=1515

Brand Equity Index* Score

■ IAB Display Rising Star Ads ■ Legacy UAP Ads



Brand Equity Index Score

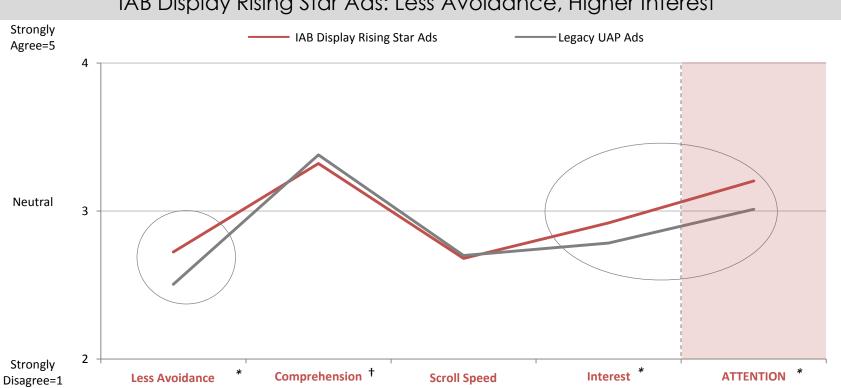
29.5% higher brand lift

with respect to Legacy UAP Ads on Full Exposure

* Index score calculated from a composite scale measuring Change in Brand Opinion, Brand Feelings, and Brand Consideration.

Ad Attention

N=1515

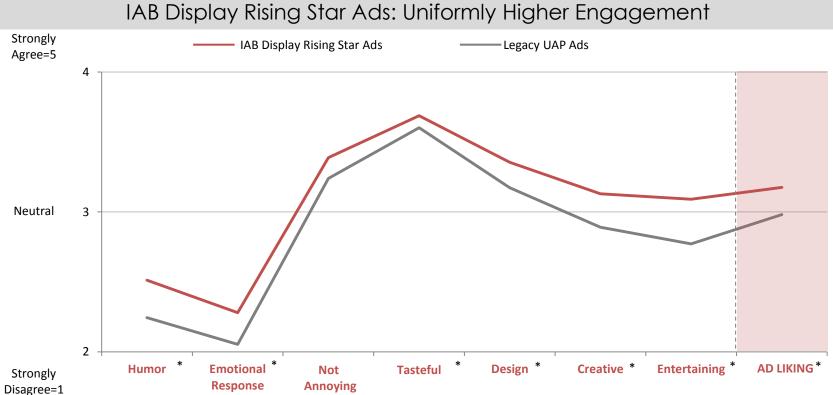


IAB Display Rising Star Ads: Less Avoidance, Higher Interest

*significant at 95% Confidence Interval + marginally significant at 90% Confidence Interval

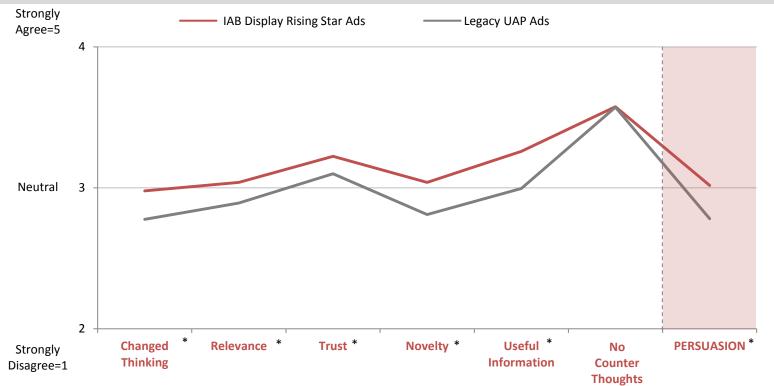
Ad Engagement

N=1515





IAB Display Rising Star Ads: Provide Useful, Novel, Relevant, Trustworthy Information



Ad Interaction Lifts Brand Equity

3X Higher Interaction Rates

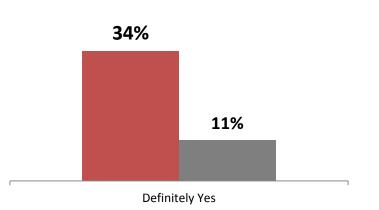
Interaction During Browsing

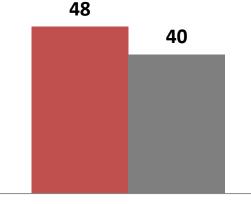
■ IAB Display Rising Star Ad ■ Legacy UAP Ad

16.6% Increase In Brand Equity

Brand Equity Index* Score

■ Interaction (Option B) ■ No Interaction (Option A)





Brand Equity Index Score

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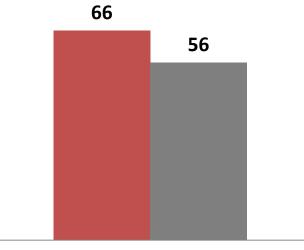
N=1515

Higher Eye Gaze Impacts Brand Equity

N=96

Brand Equity Index* Score

■ Fixation Duration > 3 seconds ■ Fixation Duration < 3 seconds



Gaze Duration > 3 sec results in 17.8% higher brand lift

Brand Equity Index Score

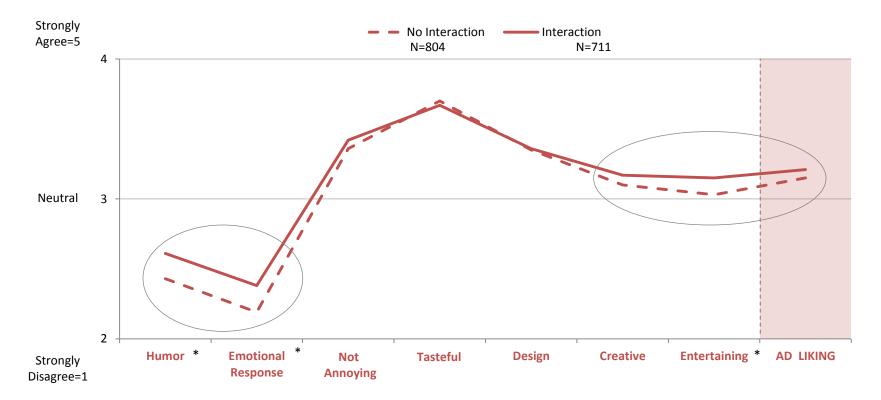
* Index score calculated from a composite scale measuring Change in Brand Opinion, Brand Feelings, and Brand Consideration.

Differences in Mean ratings of Brand Equity change were significant at 95% Confidence Interval

Ad Engagement After Interaction

N=1515

Interaction leads to higher ratings on Entertainment and Humor

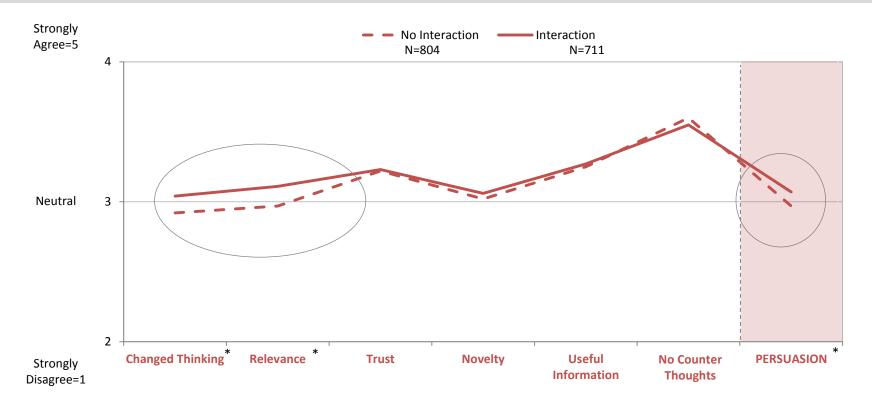


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Ad Persuasion After Interaction

N=1515

Interaction leads to more changed thinking and persuasion

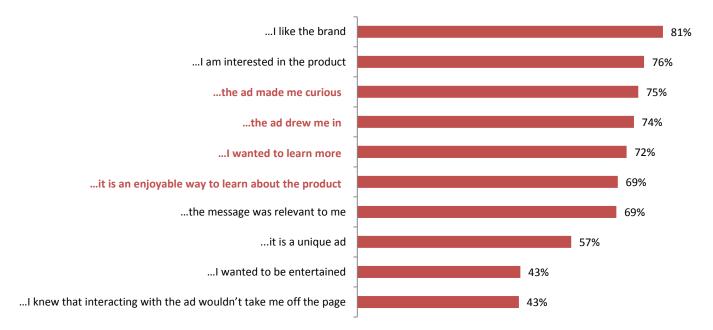


*significant at 95% Confidence Interval

Reasons For Interaction

Brand & Product, Curiosity, Learning Drive Interaction

Among those who chose to interact with the Rising Star ad during the free-browsing session



I interacted with the Ad because...

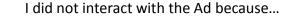
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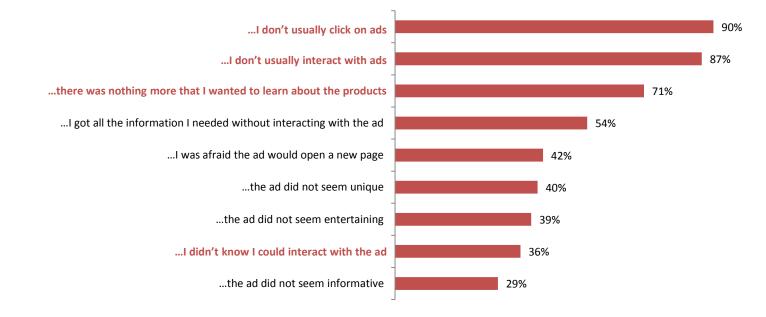
Reasons For NO Interaction

N=782

Consumers Are Trained In Their Behaviors

Among those who chose NOT to interact with the Rising Star ad during the free-browsing session





The Insights: Why IAB Display Rising Star Ads are More Effective

IAB Display Rising Star Ads are More Effective because they...

- **1. Draw More Attention**
- 2. Are More Interactive
- **3. Are More Engaging**
- 4. Provide More Information
- 5. Are More Persuasive

More Attention: More Creative, Eye-Catching, Visually Pleasing

Appealing Creative: The ads have a unique & creative way of delivering the intended message.



Eye-Catching Animation: The ads have appealing movement that effectively grab viewer attention.



Pleasing Visuals: The ads have a powerful combination of visuals with attractive colors & design.



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"To me the (Brand) ad was kind of intriguing... I really was more interested in it after I saw the ad because the ad is creative. I liked the part with the ball, and the people running, and the sound was good." – Margaret "I tend to like the still ads that are visually appealing. I'm sure that it's a matter of taste in terms of which colors to choose, but nothing too grotesque in terms of the colors they use. Something eye-catching would probably be something I would interact with." – Michael 29

IAB Display Rising Star Ads are MORE ATTRACTIVE

N=1515

58% Agree

Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... IS MORE ATTRACTIVE

The NEW Ad Format IS MORE ATTRACTIVE because...

...has attractive visuals
3.92

...is better produced
3.74

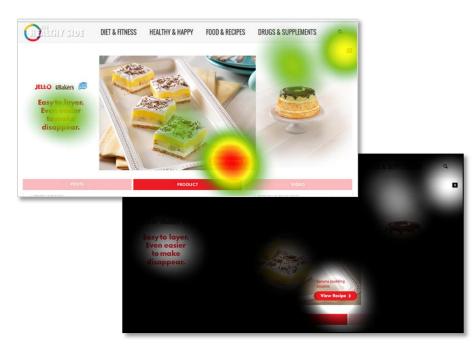
...is more sophisticated looking
3.7

...is placed in a location I prefer
3.56

Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree



More Attention: Does Not Force the Message



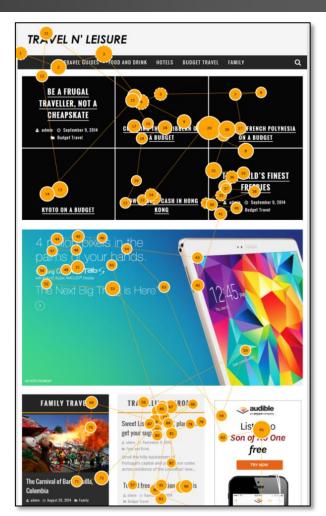


"I like the additional information that the video combines, and I like the action the video that the [sound] combines. I just want to make sure that I'm the one that controls that. I don't want it to start [playing] on its own. I don't want it to push movement or sound at me." – William

"I think it's working to inform you of information not sell you something. This makes me feel better about the ad." – Marc

"Anytime you are force-fed something, it is less appealing and you do not want to do it." – Jakob

More Attention: Not Considered Intrusive



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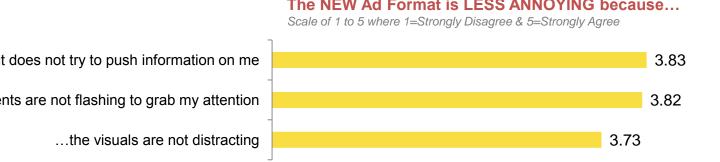
"It followed the flow. As you're going down the page you're normally going to get to a page break anyway. And you know, it didn't feel like it was trying to push its way in , it was just there, I naturally was going to go past it. Even though it was large it wasn't overbearing in any way." – Stephanie

"I don't really mind it. It's a lot more favorable than the whole screen being blacked out by an ad. It wasn't invasive to me." – Peter

'If this showed up on a website, in this size, I probably would not like it. This size is maybe even too small. So maybe something in between in those colors, they're pleasing too. Its not bad. But I was struck, right off the bat, like holy cow this is half the page. Here I think it's a size issue." – Michael

IAB Display Rising Star Ads are Less Annoying and Less Intrusive

Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... IS LESS ANNOYING and LESS INTRUSIVE



The NEW Ad Format is LESS ANNOYING because...

... it does not try to push information on me

... the elements are not flashing to grab my attention

N=773

The NEW Ad Format is LESS INTRUSIVE because...

Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree

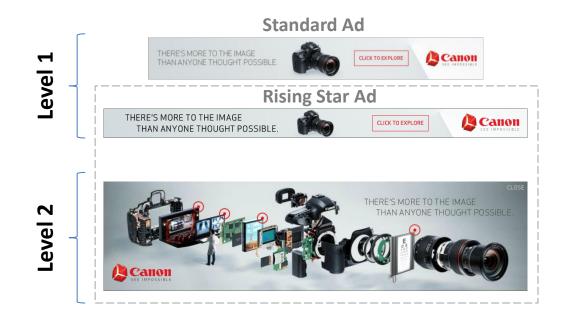


... it does not force itself in front of the content I am reading

... it does not interrupt what I am doing on the page

... it does not take me away from the page when I click on it

More Interactive: Provides a Multi-Dimensional Experience



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"You can see the layers to [online ads] and interact with them and learn more. With a TV ad you cannot work on anything and learn more unless you go to your computer and do more research." – Andrew "I like how it didn't open up into a new window, but yet I could see what it was doing. If they made it much smaller I wouldn't be able to see it, and at the same time it doesn't take over." – Matthew

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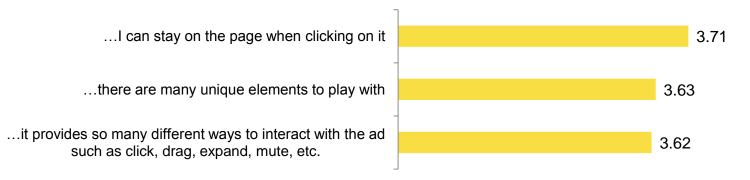
IAB Display Rising Star Ads are are More Interactive

N=1515

69% Agree Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... IS MORE INTERACTIVE

The NEW Ad Format is MORE INTERACTIVE because...

Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree





35 Provides a Controlled Ad Viewing Experience

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"The other one you can expand it and watch the video, play and pause it and go to the website. It's like having a website built into this website." – Steven

"I would scroll through inside the ad. Just a list of headlines with clickable links would make me more likely to use it." – Kristin

"I immediately saw that it had the option to close the ad. That was a good feature." – Mark

"Well I can start it, I can stop it, you can get the information, like the fact that I can click to read more if I want to learn more about it and not have to go to a link." – Scott



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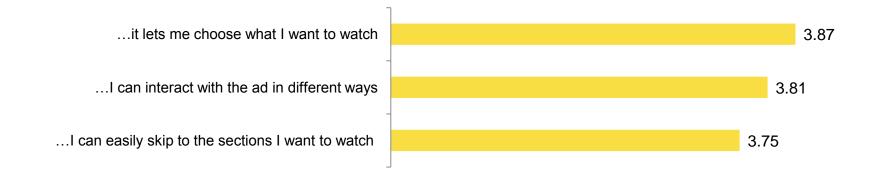
IAB Display Rising Star Ads are GIVES MORE CONTROL

60% Agree

Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... GIVES MORE CONTROL

The NEW Ad Format gives MORE CONTROL because...

Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree





N=1515

37 Allows Consumers to Skip to the Relevant Piece



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"Well, initially I would be drawn in by the coupon. The coupon was for a product that I didn't know about, then I would have to look and see what the product was." – Steven

"I certainly enjoy being able to choose what I do with the ad." – Michael

More Engaging: Provides a Story Telling Platform



"It's more informative. I can relate more to the mom and the boy... It just draws my attention more." – Karen

"First, [Brand] showing the ball bearings, then landing on the different padding. Then they did incorporate that yes, it is a [Product]. They gave you a story. We have a new [Product out. Yes the padding is so much better and then they also show people running in the [Product]." – Liz

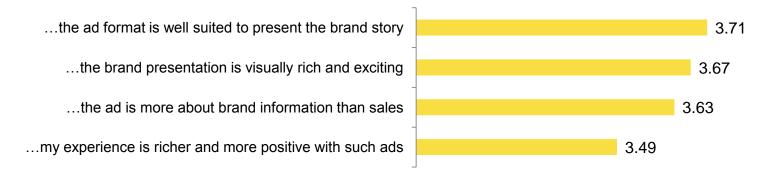
IAB Display Rising Star Ads Give MORE PERSONALITY TO THE BRAND

N=1515

65% Agree Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... GIVES MORE PERSONALITY TO THE BRAND

The NEW Ad Format gives MORE PERSONALITY to the brand because...

Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree





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IAB Display Rising Star Ads are MORE ENTERTAINING

N=1515

58% Agree

Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... IS MORE ENTERTAINING

The NEW Ad Format IS MORE ENTERTAINING because...

...it is more creative
3.88

...it has unique elements
3.82

...it is better at story telling
3.58

...it has a sense of drama
3.24

Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree



More Engaging: Provides a Better Product Experience

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"I like the perspective on the [video]. It brought you from an aerial view and brought you down into the stadium, so that was very appealing. The game did the selling. I actually was like, 'Gee I'd play that for a few minutes.'" – Scott

"It's not just you watching, its you being part of what is going on." – Gerardo

"If I'm able to watch a demonstration at first, it may make me more likely to purchase it. It depends on the product and if I needed it or wanted it. The FIFA one actually gave you a demonstration of the actual product as well, which I liked." – Jam





More Informative: Provides a One-Stop-Shop for Information

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"I think it's also appealing to see other food options and talk about climate. They are appealing to other interests not just 'buy our cereal bar'. It is a good thing that they aren't so brand focused and they want to get your attention on other things." – Greg

"I was glad I was able to learn a little bit more and also see an ad that I could interact with it without it taking me to another website." – Marc

"The other ad isn't selling me and I would have to go to another website which I don't want to do. But the other one lets me just hover over it and see the latest from [Brand] and even follow them on Twitter all from this page that is not even a [Brand] website." – Lucas



More Informative: Provides Multiple Tiers of Information

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"I like the larger Adidas ad the most because it taught me something I didn't know before. I had no idea what this Boost thing was. They visualized it and made it easy to understand the concept." – Douglas





"It's a little bit bigger than I prefer, but since it's got the video as well as you're able to purchase the item, it's got both of them which is what I like. So even though it is a little bigger, it's better than a smaller one where you wouldn't be able to do the same thing." – Matthew

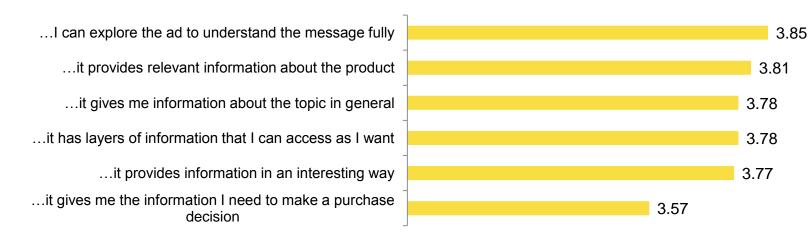
IAB Display Rising Star Ads are MORE INFORMATIVE

60% Agree

Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... IS MORE INFORMATIVE

The NEW Ad Format IS MORE INFORMATIVE because...

Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree

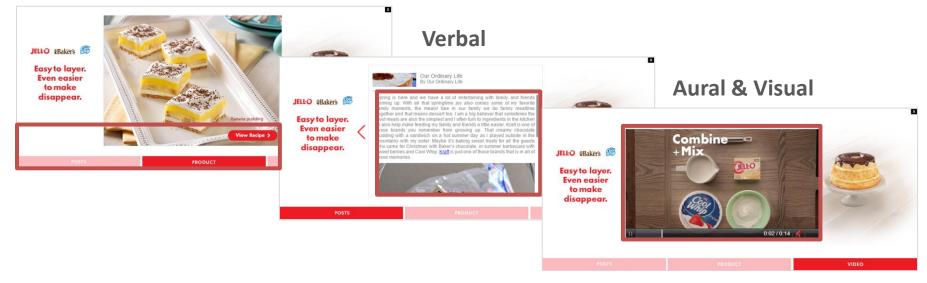




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More Persuasive: Appeals to Various Learning Styles

Physical



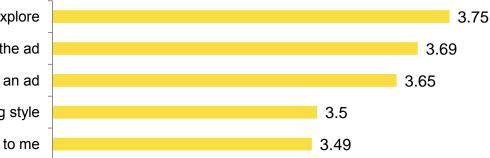
"I like to look at stuff to learn about it. I liked it. It went with my style of thinking; I was able to get some information right off the bat of something that visually entertained me." – Marc

IAB Display Rising Star Ads are IS MORE ENGAGING

64% Agree

Compared to the traditional online ads, the NEW Ad Format... IS MORE ENGAGING

The NEW Ad Format is MORE ENGAGING because...



Scale of 1 to 5 where 1=Strongly Disagree & 5=Strongly Agree

...it has different elements I can explore ...there are unique elements in the ad ...it's like having a website in an ad ...it appeals to my learning style

... it has material relevant to me



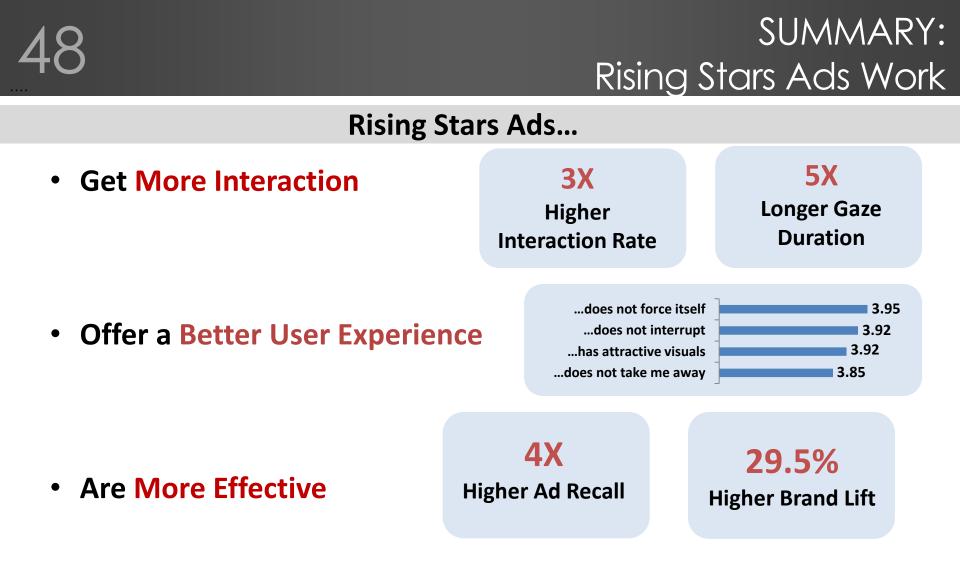
47 Builds Curiosity through Unexpected Elements



"The [Brand] ad was kind of intriguing... I really was more interested in [Product] after I saw the ad because the ad is creative. I liked the part with the ball and the people running and the sound was good." – Margaret

"It allowed me to not just see or remember the brand, but to participate with it. You might even think you could win something." – Bernie

"[Clicked on the ad] just so it would take me further in... You always want to challenge those statements... Not only did it make that statements, but it backed it up." – Renault



SUMMARY: Rising Stars Ads Work

Rising Stars Ads Work Because They...

Offer Creative Canvases

• Give the User Choice

CREATIVE CANVAS

- More creative, eye-catching, visually pleasing
- Not considered intrusive
- > Provides a story telling platform
- Provides a better product experience
- Provides multiple tiers of information
- Builds curiosity through unexpected elements

CHOICE

- > Provides a multi-dimensional experience
- > Allows consumers to skip to the relevant piece
- > Provides a one-stop-shop for information
- > Appeals to various learning styles

CONTROL

- > Does not force the message
- > Provides a controlled ad viewing experience
- > In-page placement allows for viewer to close/scroll
- Allow the User to Control the Ad Experience





QUESTIONS?

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