



MENA Decoded

Key Trends Shaping the Region

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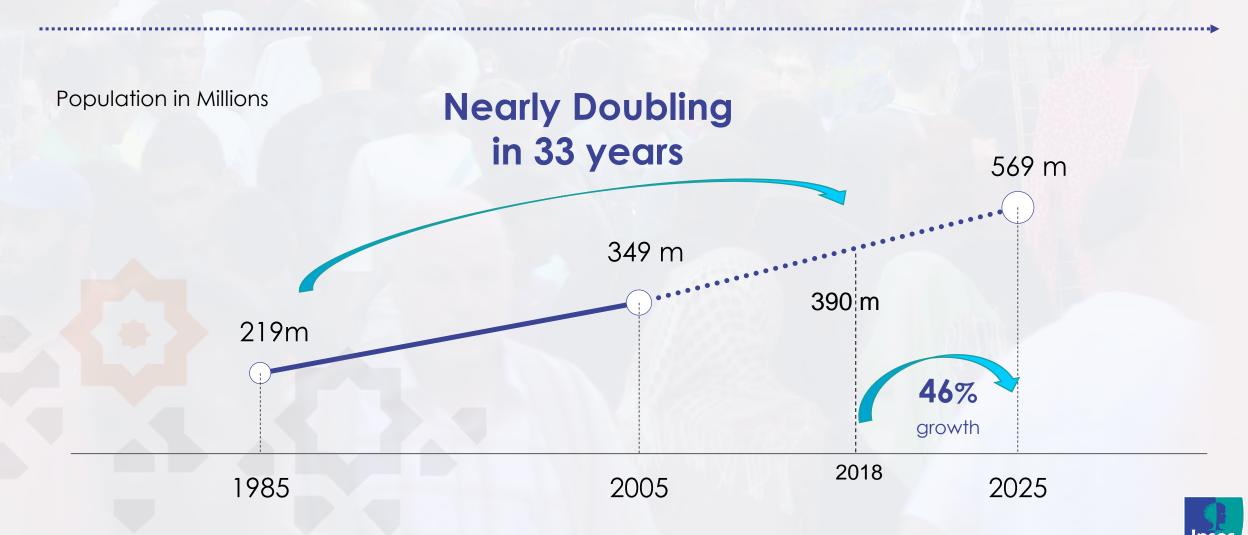
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MENA experienced the **highest rate of population growth** of any region in the world over the **past century**...







And Is Becoming More Educated

Secondary education enrollment has increased

since the 1990s

Tertiary education enrollment has increased

since the 1980s





With rapid **Urbanization** and huge **Expansions** of major cities in MENA







Declining Fertility Rates, yet one that is still growing, only driven by its Aging Inhabitants





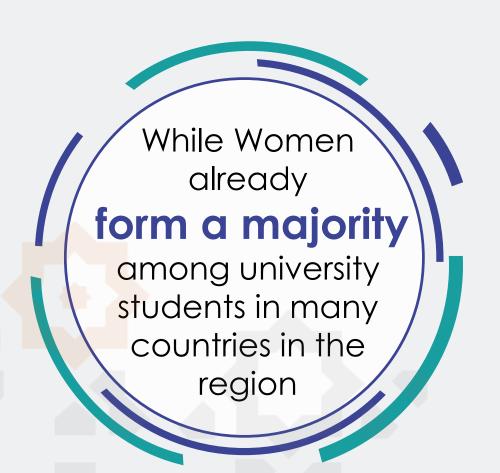


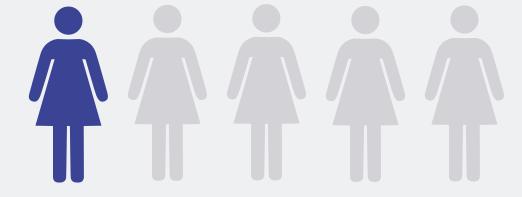
MENA WILL ALSO WITNESS THE RISING INFLUENCE OF WOMEN, WHO WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN SHAPING MENA'S FUTURE





Gender disparity in the workforce will **vanish** and MENA will face the social **impact** of **women entering the workforce**





Currently only 1 in 5 females in the Region are part of the workforce

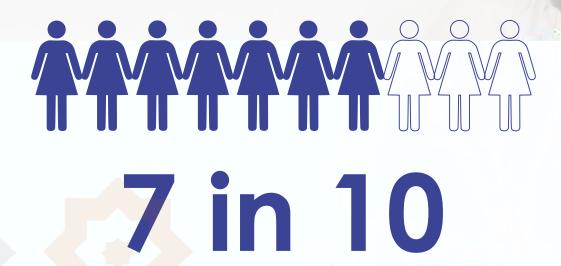
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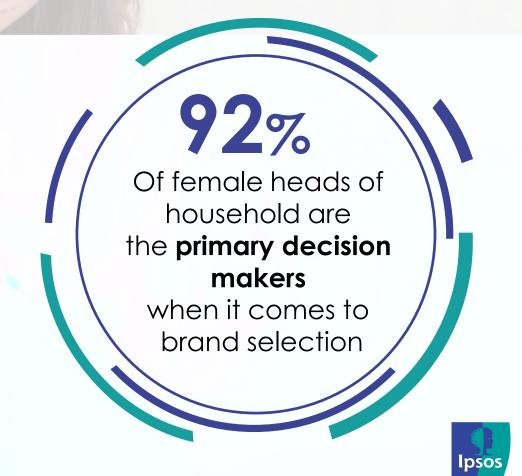




And even though the **majority** of women in the region **don't generate income**, they remain the **main decision** makers when it comes to **purchases**



Depend on Receiving an Allowance as a Primary Source of Income



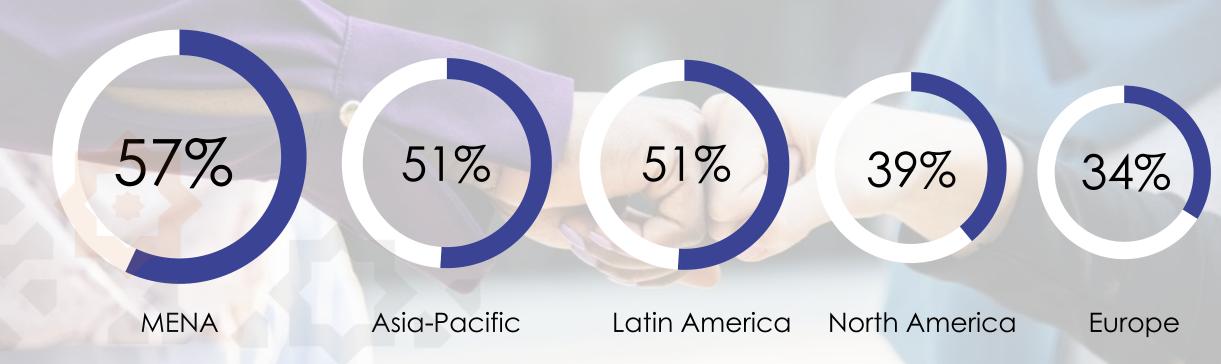
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MENA is one of the youngest regions in the world (below 30 years of age)

% Youth By Region







Close to a quarter of MENA's population are Millennials; setting the future trends







They are becoming more culturally diverse



1 in 2

Consider Themselves Global Citizens

"Connected & Informed, CONSUMERS"





But at the same time - They are a **Struggling Generation**







Source: Ipsos #Millennials Survey - 2017



And thus, they are skillful deal seekers



Always look for the best offers & deals available..





Which has led to the birth of the

Super Searchers

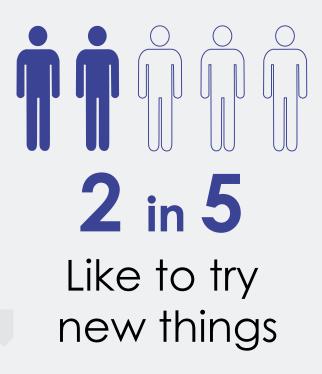






And MENA's Millennials tend to be **experiential**, they're willing to **explore new brands**









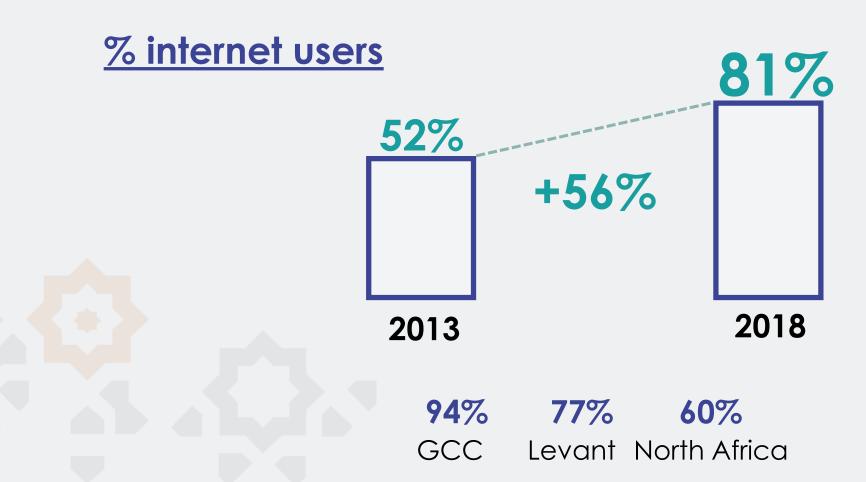


ALL THIS IS HAPPENING AMIDST A DIGITAL REVOLUTION





Internet growth has **dramatically accelerated** in the last **five years**

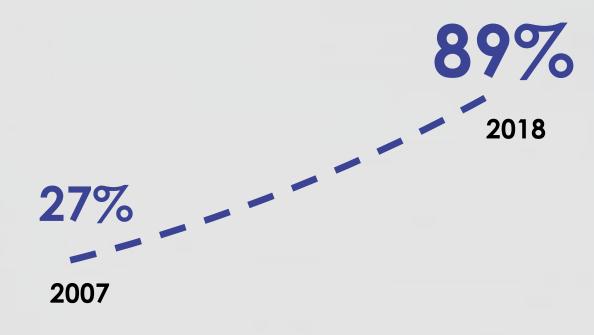






Driven by an increase in smartphones penetration levels

Smartphone penetration has increased threefold in the last decade



98% GCC

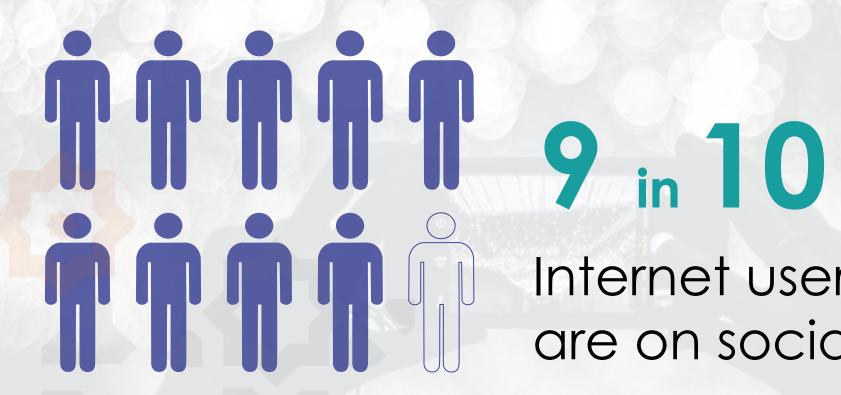
86% Levant

70% North Africa





Social Media is also playing a more pivotal role in people's lives...



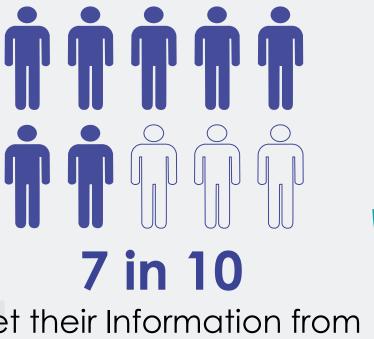
Internet users in MENA are on social media





Leading to increased levels of brand engagement





Get their Information from online sources







Transforming the online space from a source of information to a channel of purchase







of MENA's adults today have done some form of e-commerce, a threefold increase





However, E-commerce in MENA is still in its infancy AND is expected to grow rapidly

From USD 27 Billion in 2018

To a Projected **USD 50** Billion in 2022

With estimates reaching USD 200 Billion From the Arab **Federation of E-Commerce**



Source: BMI Research



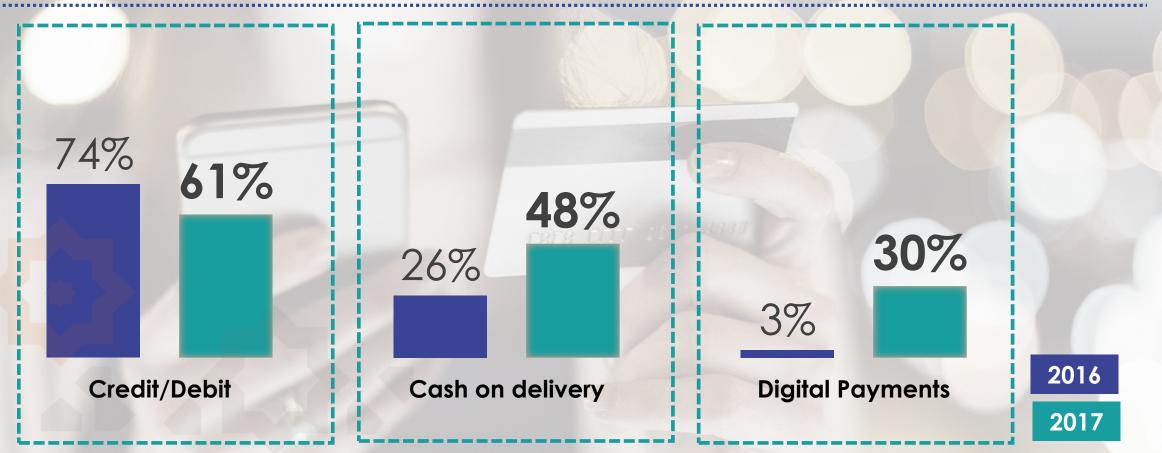
Driven mainly by consumers in the GCC region







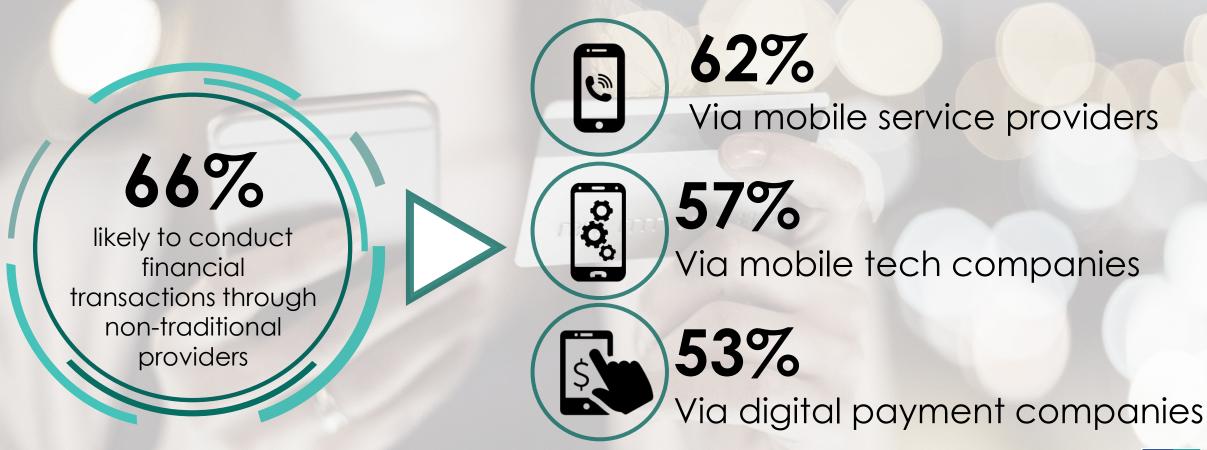
Facilitated by the growth of cash on delivery and digital payments; taking on a larger share of total transactions







Consumers are **ready** to adopt **non-traditional** payment providers







The game changers...



Population: a more <u>urbanized ageing</u> population, with a <u>smaller</u> <u>household size</u>, that is more <u>educated</u> and more <u>informed</u>



Women – their growing <u>influence</u> in society, much higher future levels of involvement in the <u>laborforce</u>; the ultimate <u>decision makers</u> for brand selection.



Millennials – the <u>largest</u> segment and the <u>disruptive</u> deal seeking, <u>Super Searchers</u>.



Digital First – from shopping to financing, managing the <u>E-commerce</u> <u>boom</u> and its implications on our business models.

The most adaptive creature on earth



...but slow







Thank you

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