

# Middle East Travel Retail Shopper Insights







# **Background Information**





#### m1nd-set

- Based in Vevey, Switzerland
- Tailor Made Research for Brands, commissioned by TFWA
- → Research Partner of TFWA and APTRA
- + 1<sup>st</sup> in Travel Retail Research (2001)
- + 1 in Travel Retail Research & Consulting (30% growth in 2011)
- → 1 Mio Interviews with travellers at 80 Airports Worldwide



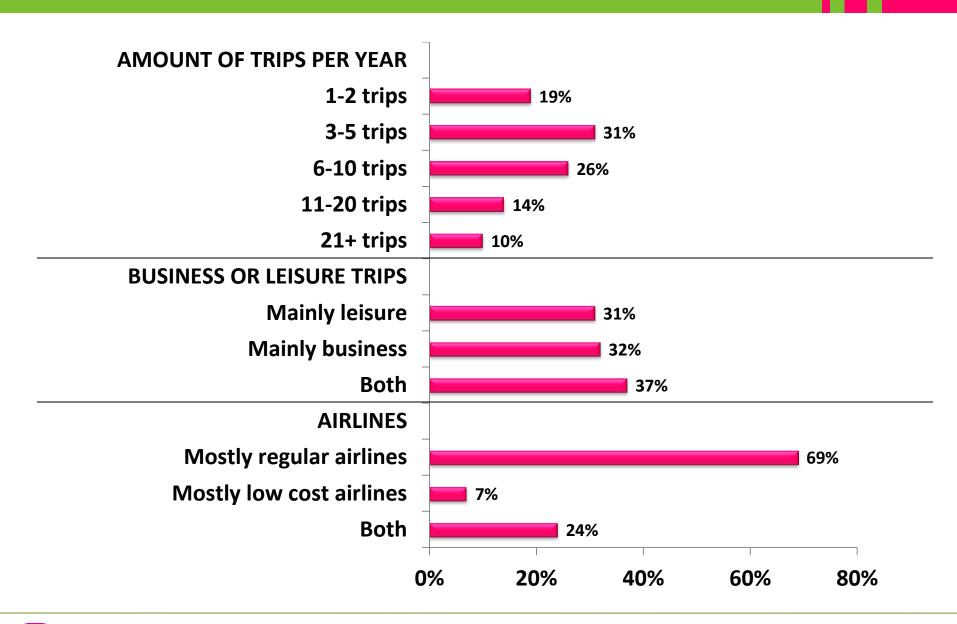
## Methodology

- → Participants recruited by m1nd-set interviewers before entering a plane at randomly selected departure gates at key airports in Middle East
- → Travellers complete online interview at their convenience

## Sample

- Travellers living in Middle East region (UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Bahrain, etc.)
- → Total sample size N = 1.000







# Satisfaction with DF shops

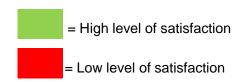






#### Level of satisfaction with DF shops - Airports

#### What is your level of satisfaction with the DF shops at these airports?



#### Top 3 Boxes

(Answers on a 10-level scale where 10 is "completely satisfied" and 1 is "completely unsatisfied")

Airport	Dubai	Abu Dhabi	Doha
Overall price level	22%	20%	23%
Variety of product categories	50%	23%	5%
Amount of interesting offers and promotions	22%	14%	5%
Variety of brands	35%	17%	14%
Friendliness of staff	48%	34%	23%
Size of shops	54%	26%	14%
Atmosphere (music, temperature, light, decoration, etc.)	52%	31%	32%



# **Shopping Frequency and Activities at Airports**

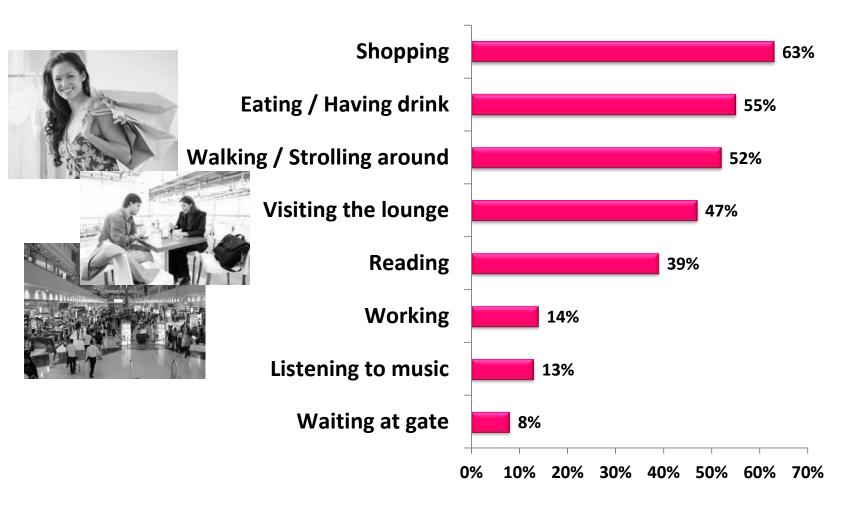






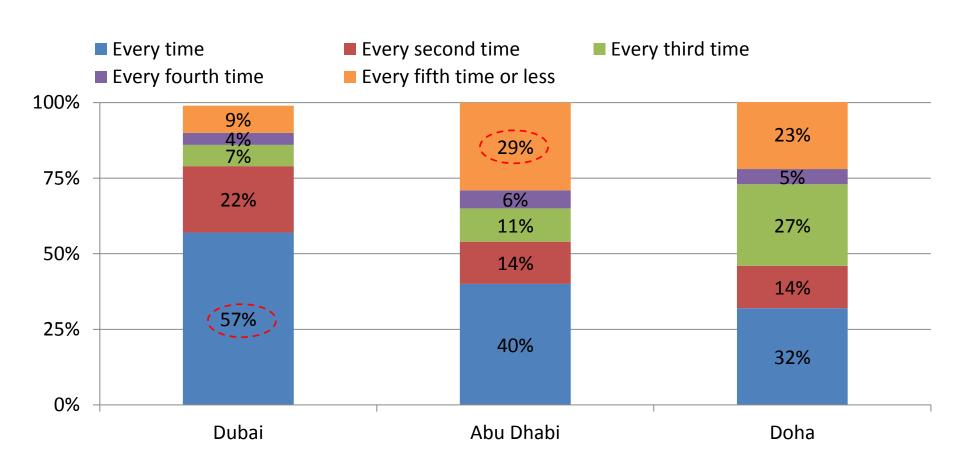
#### Favourite activities at the airport - total

What are in general your <u>favourite</u> <u>activities</u> when at the airport and waiting for your flight?



#### Frequency of buying DF items: total airports

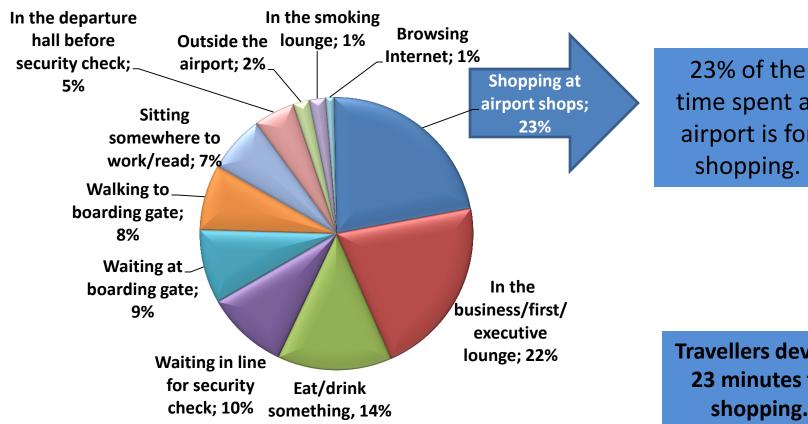
#### How often do you purchase something at the DF shops at these airports?





#### Time spent at the airport by activity - total

If you think of the total time you usually spend at the airport after checking in, what % of your time do you spend on each of the following activities?



time spent at airport is for shopping.

**Travellers devote** 23 minutes to shopping.

# Middle East Shopper Typologies







#### The Deal Hunter

- → Only purchase if clearly perceived savings
- → 70% buy regularly
- → Relatively frequent travellers (5+ times/year)
- → Look for premium products and good savings
- Often business travellers (know airports)
- → Often buy presents / gifts



- → Visible offers & promotions across categories (% savings)
- → Offer significant range of gifting and limited edition



#### The Time Killer

- → Go to DF shops to kill time and browse around
- → Most buy seldom at DF shops
- → Mostly Men between 25-50
- → Travel infrequently (usually 1-3 times per year)
- → Like to follow latest trends and are open for new & original products

- → Offer innovative , limited editions & TR exclusive products
- > Products with a local touch & souvenirs



#### The Addicted Shopper

- → DF Shopping important part of flight
- → Often buy 3-2 and 2-1 promotions
- → 90% buy on every trip
- → Typically business travellers
- → Want to find premium products
- → Like to buy exclusive gifts at DF, impulsive behaviour

- → Limited editions & travel retail exclusives
- → Range of premium products across categories
- → Regular change of products & brands





#### The Adventurous Shopper

- > Travelling makes them in a special & adventurous mood
- → Stress-relief after checking in and passing security
- → Very impulsive behaviour, do not plan before
- Travel infrequently (usually 2-5 times per year)
- → Often Women
- → Like to give themselves a treat
- → Open for luxury products (Accessories, P&C)



- → Offer line extensions of famous luxury brands
- → Variety of self-indulgence products



# **Shopping Behaviour at Airports**

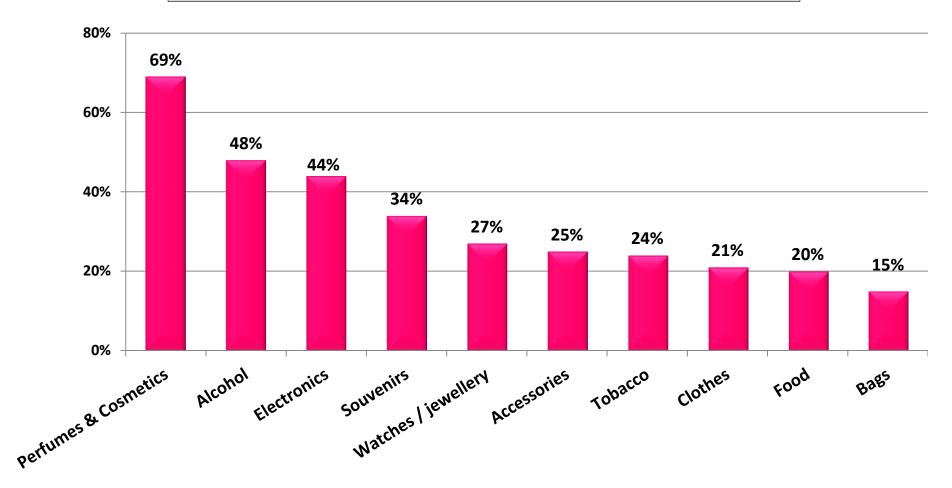






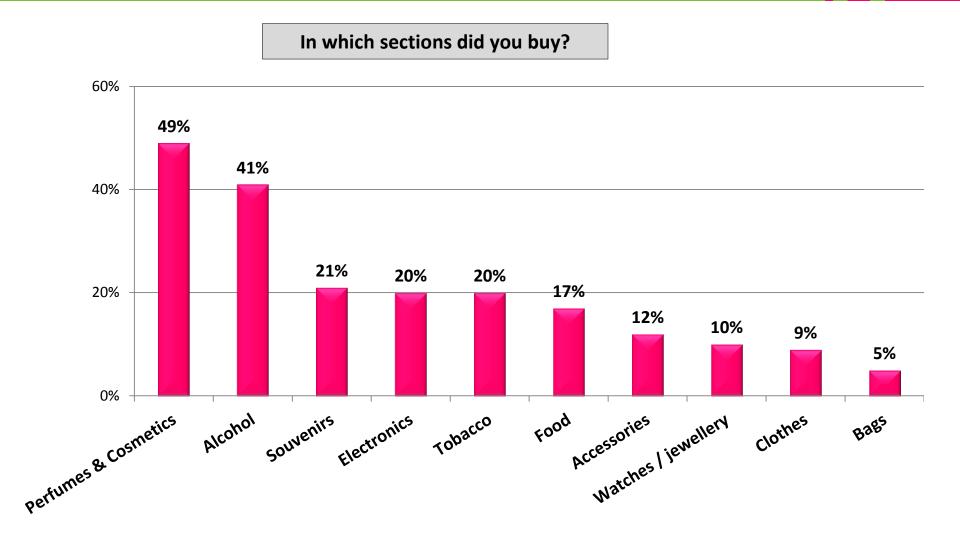
#### Sections visited

#### Which sections did you visit last time you shopped in Duty Free?



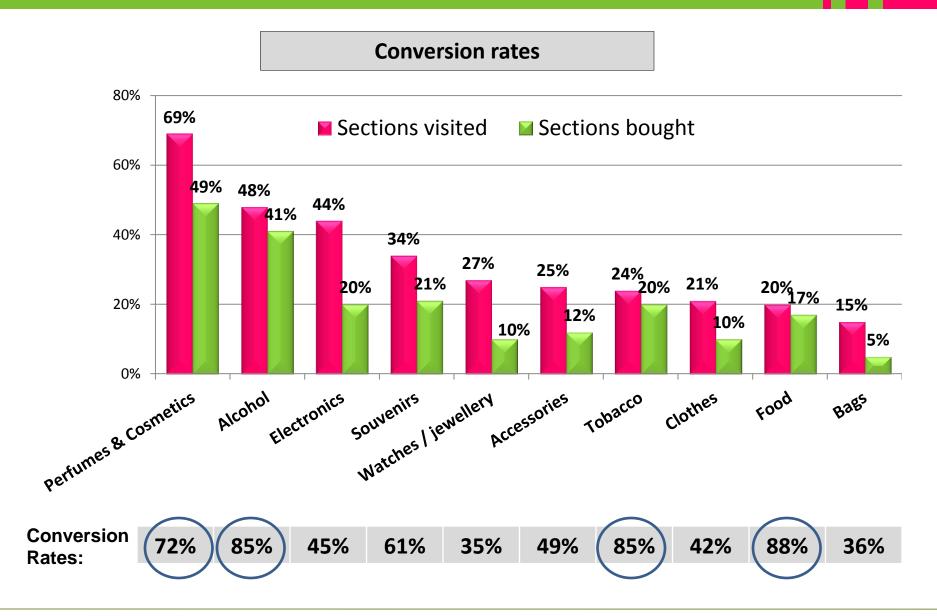


#### Sections bought





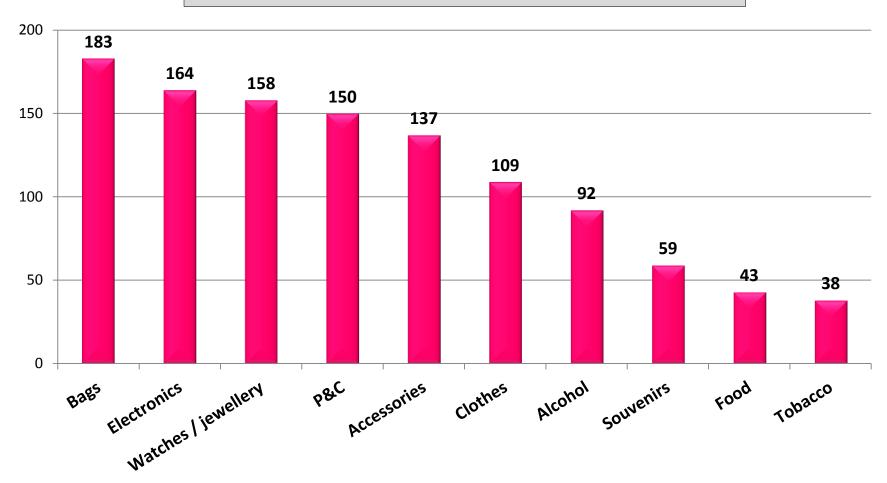
#### Penetration rate - total





#### Average amount spent in USD

#### How much did you spend on each of these categories?





#### Categories where unplanned purchase is made

# Did you buy something that you had not planned to buy? If yes, in which category?

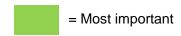
= Highest spontaneous purchases

Airports	Dubai	Abu Dhabi
All ports		
Perfumes & Cosmetics	13%	15%
Tobacco	-	7%
Alcohol	6%	4%
Fine food / Confectionery	10%	4%
Watches / Jewellery	8%	4%
Accessories	4%	4%
Clothes	6%	4%
Electronics	8%	-
Bags	2%	-
Stationery	6%	11%
Souvenirs	6%	4%
Did <u>not</u> buy anything unplanned	50%	52%

50% impulsive buying!



### Reasons to buy certain articles - total



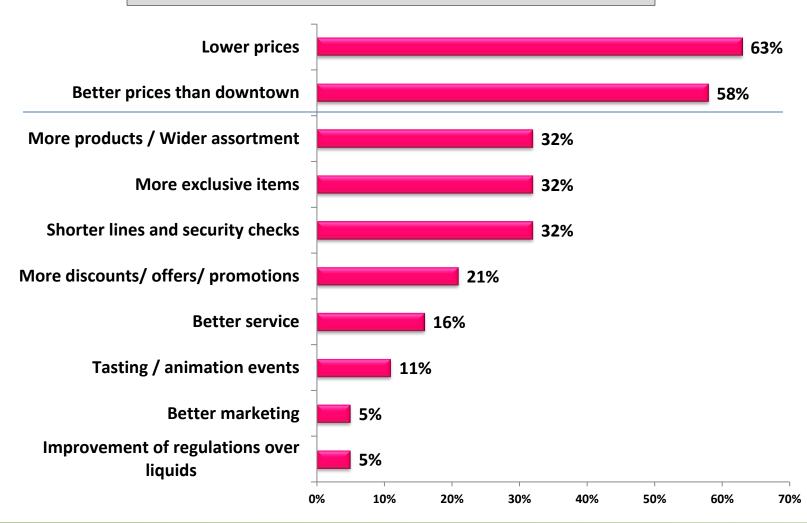
#### Why did you buy these articles?

Reason	P&C	Tobacco	Alcohol	Food	Watches/ Jewellery	Access- ories	Elec- tronics	Station- ery	Sou- venirs
Gifting	40%	27%	24%	25%	40%	39%	15%	8%	59%
Price	37%	51%	43%	16%	24%	25%	28%	11%	4%
To stock up	21%	24%	38%	13%	-	2%	9%	20%	-
Promotion/ Special Deal	21%	9%	18%	6%	18%	13%	28%	4%	5%
Treat oneself	19%	13%	13%	47%	20%	20%	37%	62%	4%
DF exclusive/ unique	10%	+	5%	8%	16%	16%	9%	5%	5%
Memory of trip	6%	2%	-	9%	4%	7%	6%	6%	59%



#### Conditions to be improved

Which conditions should improve to make you visit the DF shop at the airport in general?





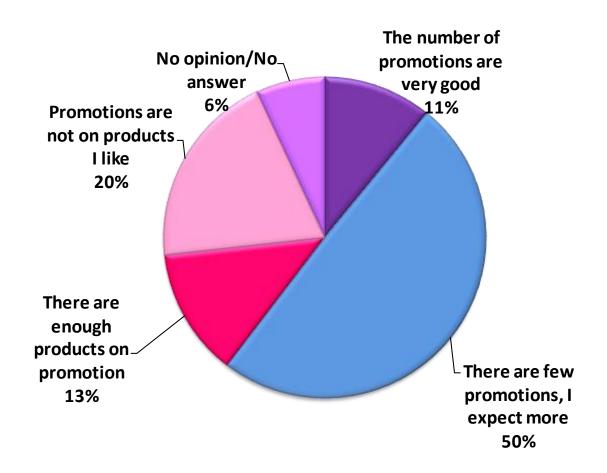






#### Opinion regarding the number of promotions - total

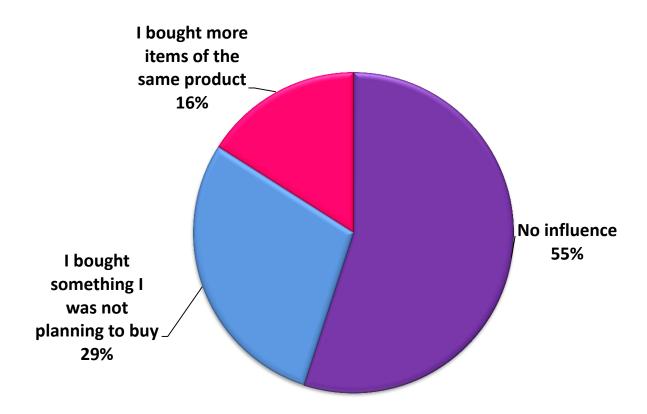
What do you think of the number of promotions you could find at the Duty free shops, can you tell me what your opinion is about them?





#### Influence of promotions on the shopping behaviour - total

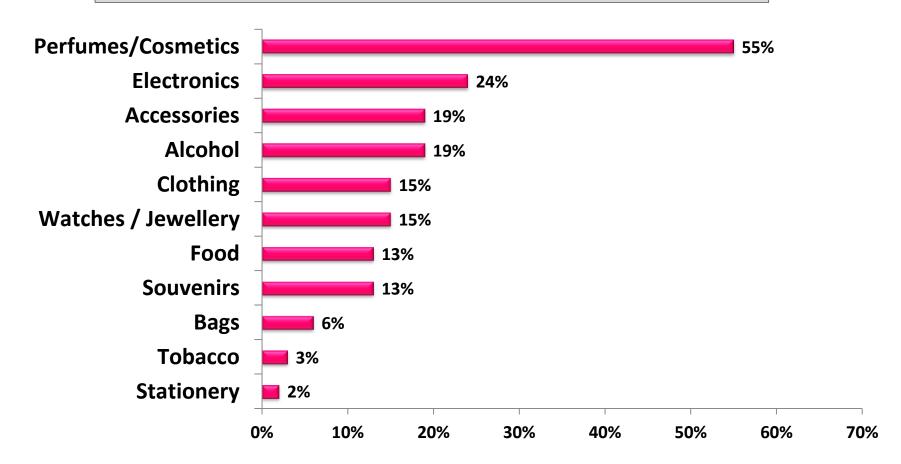
What influence did the promotions have on your actual shopping behaviour?





## Categories where unplanned purchase is made - total

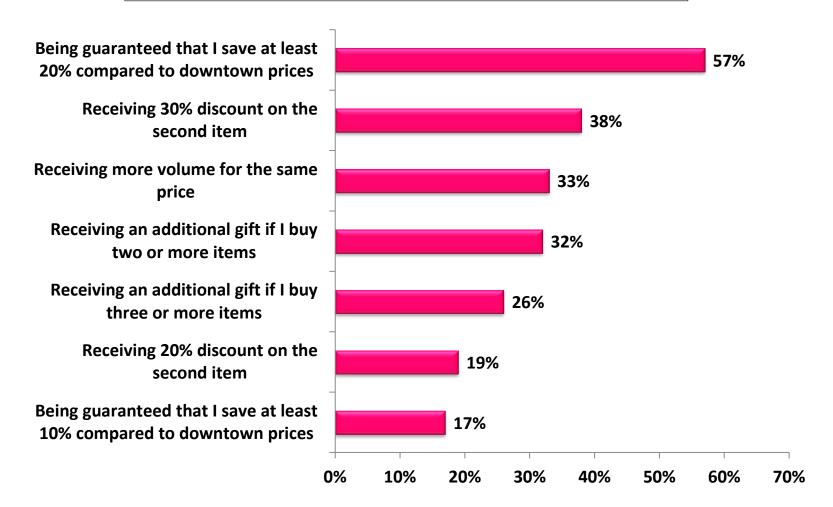
In which categories did you buy something because of the promotion which you hadn't previously planned on buying?





#### Influence of promotions on the shopping behaviour: total

How likely are you to buy more items in DF shops if offered the following offers or promotions?





# **Learnings & Actions from Research**





#### **Increase Penetration:**

- → Assure consistent shopping experience in the region
- → Attractive teasers at entrance
- → Show price advantages clearly where possible (e.g. posters)
- Permanent events & animations inside shops
- → Enhance short term premium brands offers & promotions
- → Offer wide price range (inexpensive to luxury)

#### Gifting & Indulgence:

- Typical & original local souvenirs
- → Offer self-indulgence products across categories to meet needs of all segments
- Variety of gifting items
- > Items suitable for gifting packaging / Wrapping service

#### **Increase Conversion:**

- Variation of products to enhance impulsive buying
- Cross-category offers (e.g. 3 for 2)
- Offer & enhance more TR exclusive items
- Support pro-active sales advisors (incl. cross-category selling)
- → Well trained & motivated sales staff (including measurement)
- Turn sporadic shoppers into:
  - Middle East Travel Retail Shopaholics!



# Thank you!





