

# Choice, innovation and competition in grocery

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## Consumer choice

# of different SKUs  
their appeal

## Innovation

# of new SKUs  
their appeal

## Competition

Concentration  
Private Label

How much?  
How new?  
How successful?

From NB or  
from PL?  
Market access?

# RESEARCH SCOPE



11 European countries:  
**UK**, F, SP, PT, GER,  
 DK, B, NL, I, PL, CZ



134 000 shoppers  
 covered by our  
 consumer panels



3 years evolution  
 2012-2014

# DEFINITIONS



## FMCG

Grocery +  
beverages +  
household  
products +  
health & beauty  
for shopping  
behaviour trends

A **selection of up to 79 consistent categories** for assortment size and innovation analyses



## CHANNELS

Full coverage

Hypermarkets  
+supermarkets+  
hard discount+  
e-commerce +  
traditional trade



## RETAILERS

Top retailers and  
retailer groups  
by country



## LAUNCH TYPES

### Innovation

A new brand or  
sub-brand

### Renovation

Launches with a  
change in size,  
flavour, variant but  
same brand and  
sub-brand

Cover about 50% of  
FMCG excl Fresh

# INNOVATION VERSUS RENOVATION

## ALLOCATION BASED ON LOCAL CODING



**Innovation:** New brand or sub-brand

**Renovation:** New flavour, size or variant

ENOUGH CHOICE?

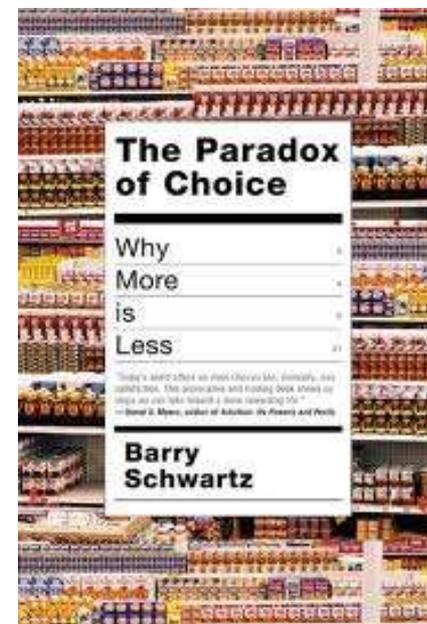
# ASSORTMENTS DWARF NEEDS

# of unique SKUs on shelf/in basket

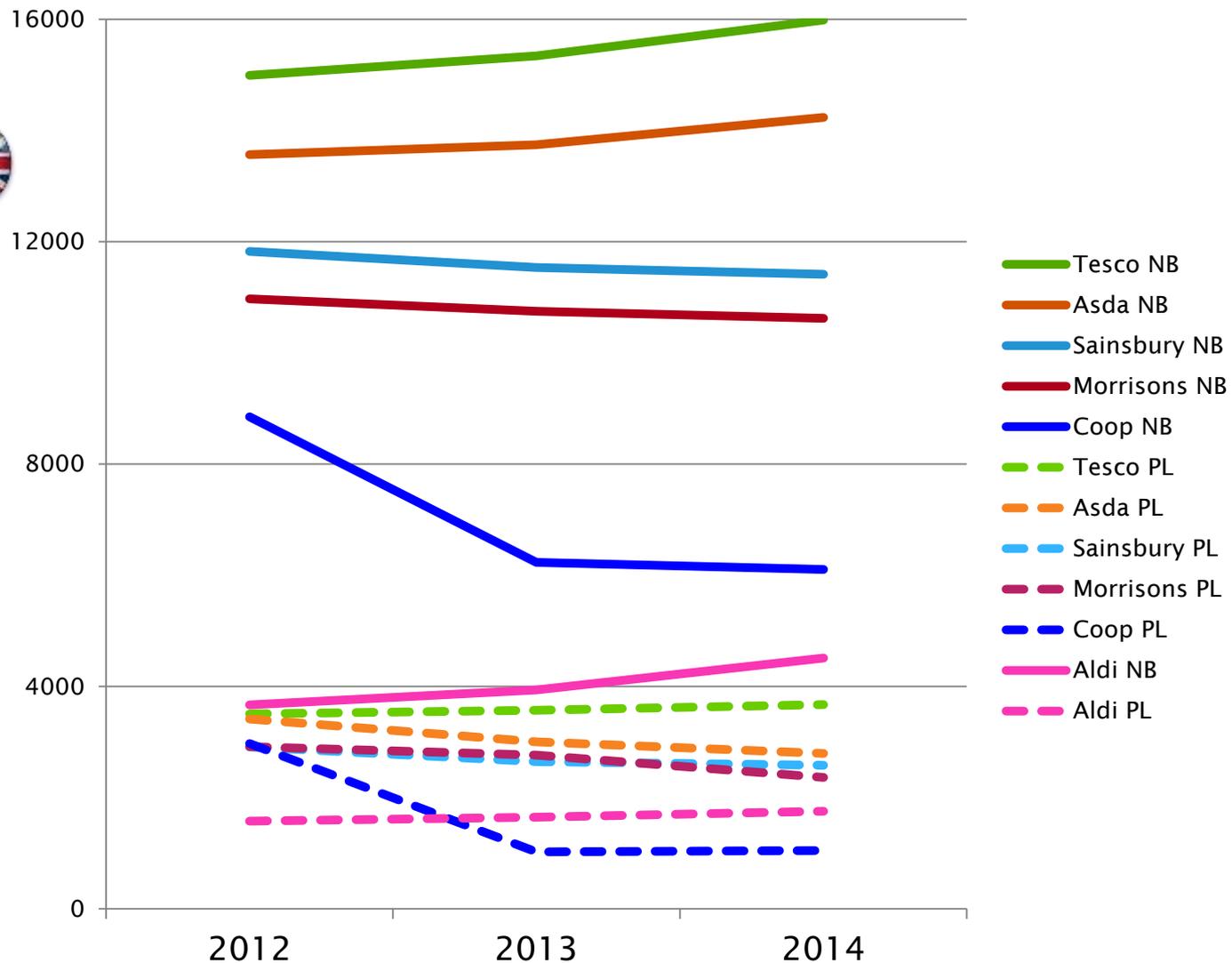


Lots of short-term activity

from 90 brands

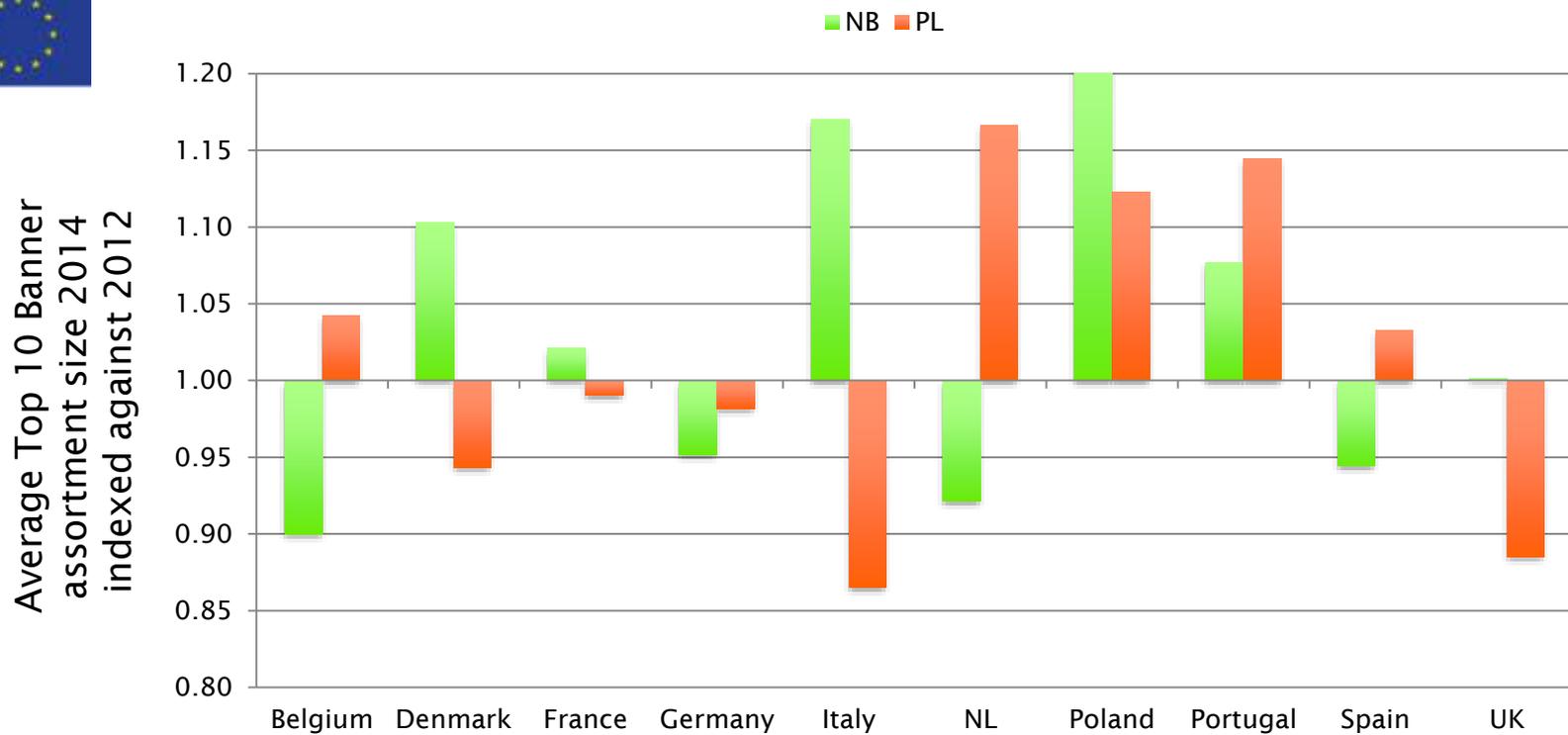


# UK ASSORTMENT SIZES STABLE



Base: 75 CPG categories

# ALSO LARGELY STABLE ACROSS EUROPE

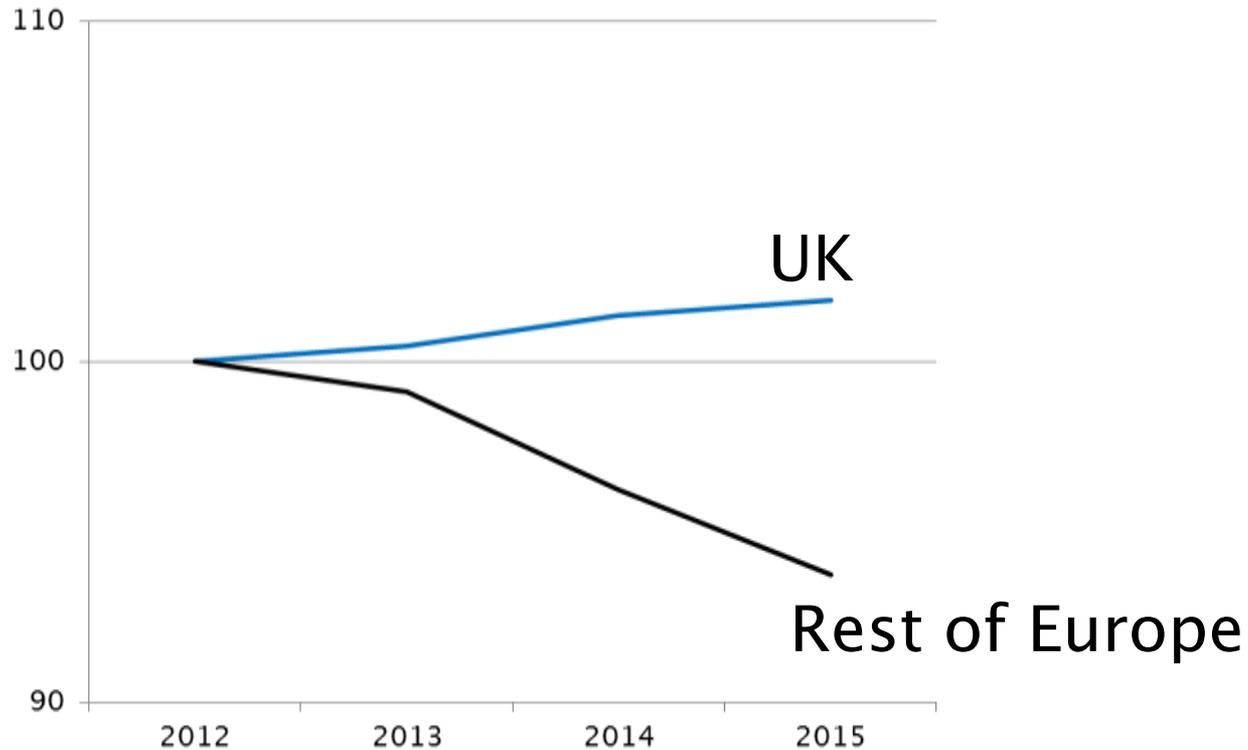


Base: avg 73 CPG categories, unweighted average across up to 10 largest retailers by country (n=103 in total)

# FEWER TRIPS LIMIT SHOPPER ACCESS TO FMCG ASSORTMENT

## Shopping Frequency Trend

(2012 = 100)



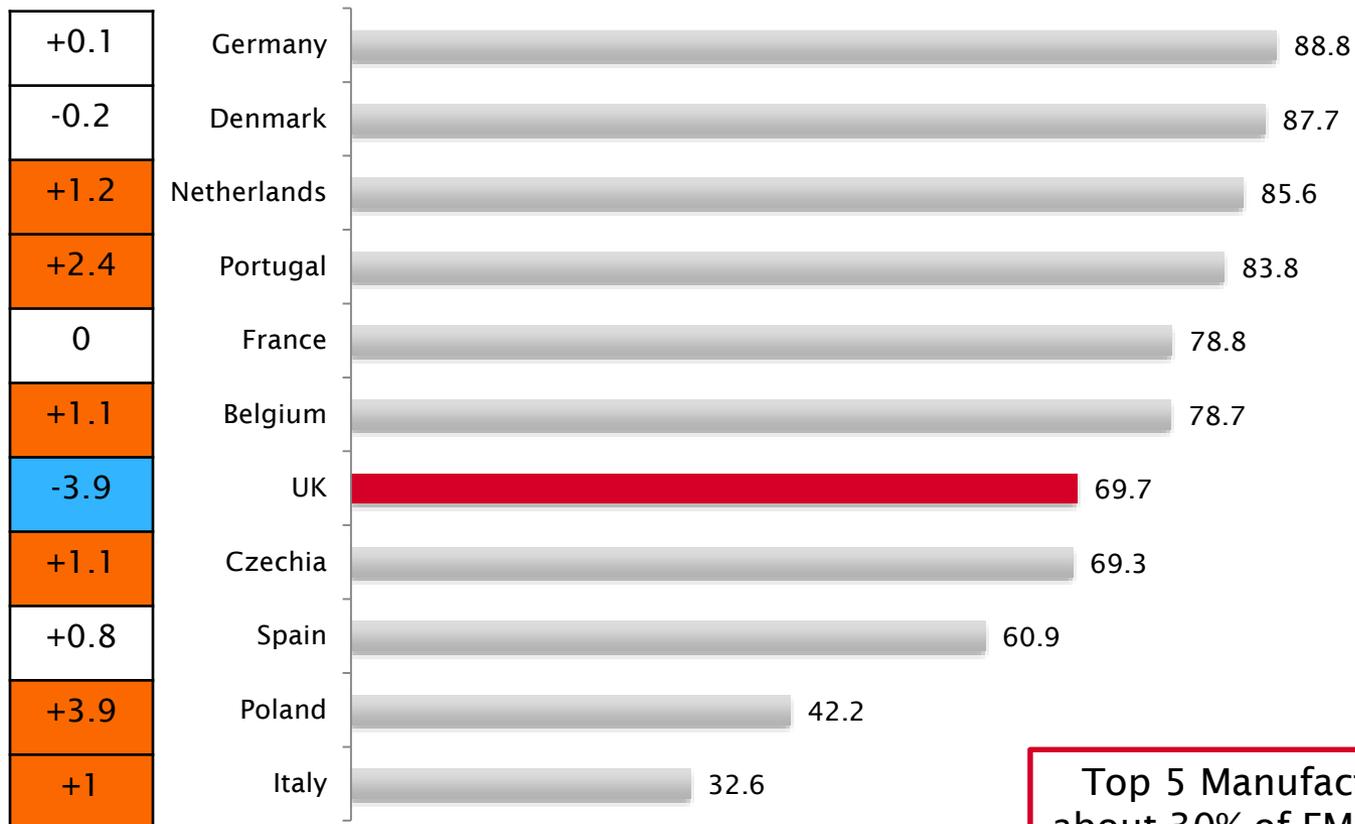
(\*) FMCG: grocery including fresh food + beverages + Household products + health& beauty

(\*\*): Average 10 other countries

# TOP 5 RETAIL GROUPS' SHARE UP

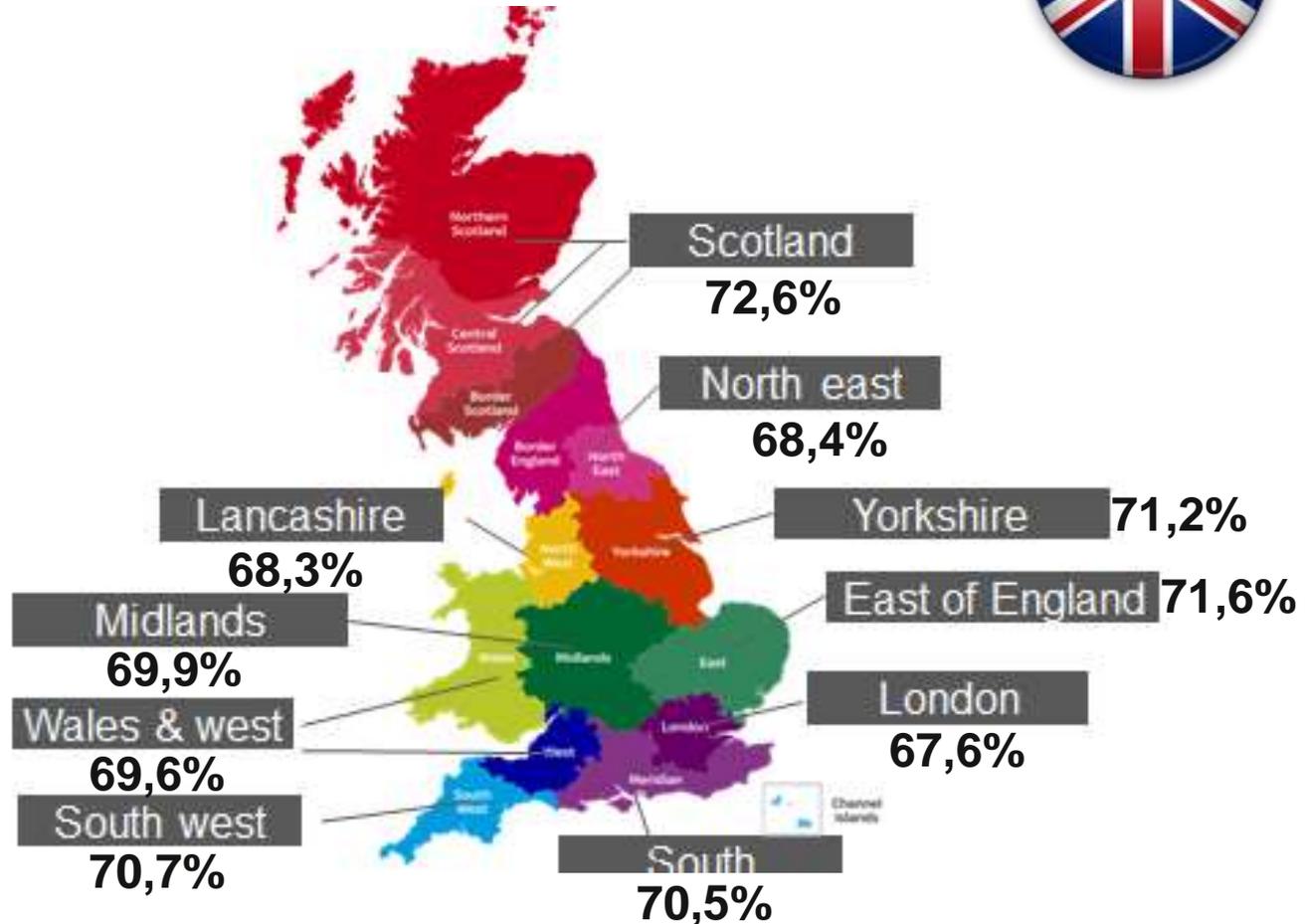
vs 2012

Share of top 5 retail groups in 2015



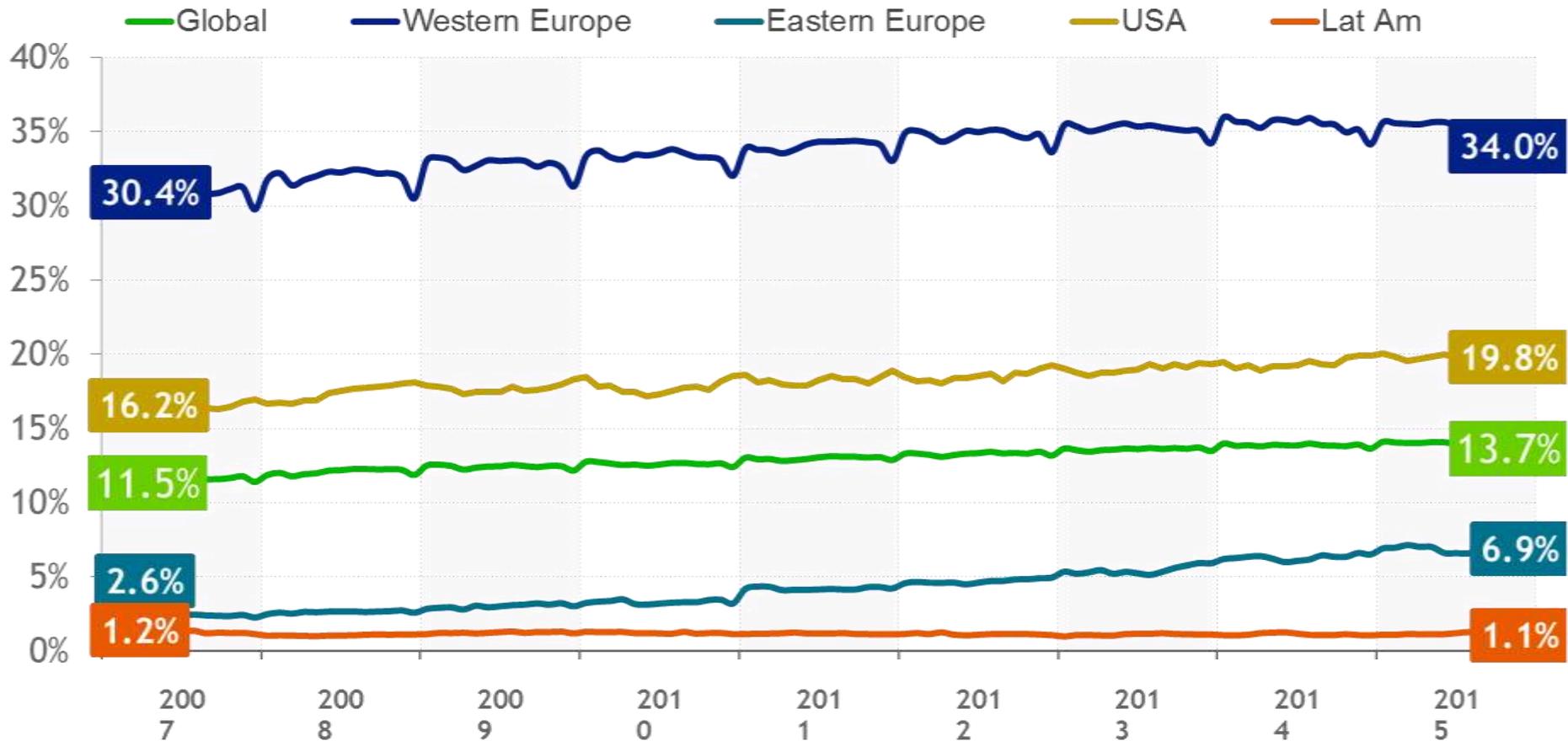
**Top 5 Manufacturers:  
about 30% of FMCG value**

# CONCENTRATION AT REGIONAL LEVEL



# LONG TERM INCREASE OF PL FUELED BY EUROPE AND USA

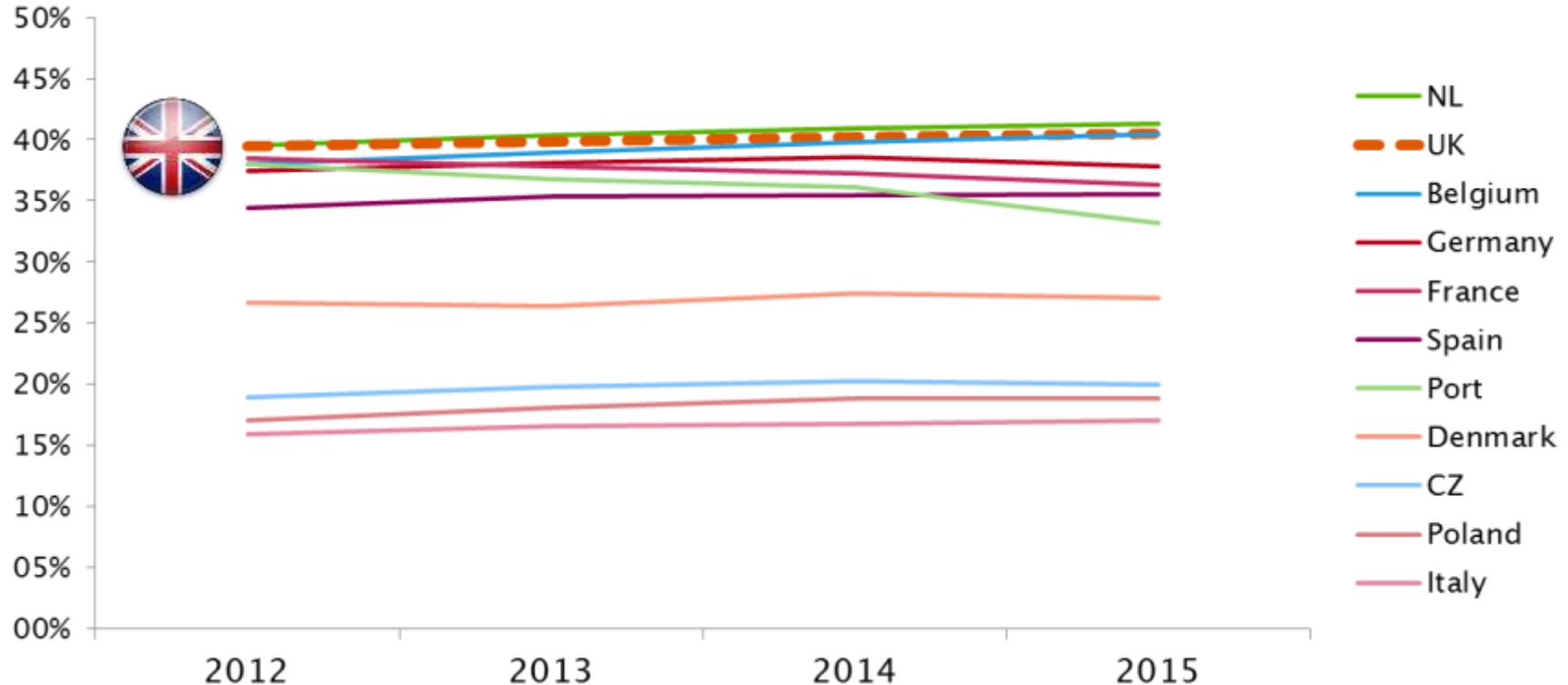
## PRIVATE LABEL SHARES IN VALUE



# PL IN EUROPE ARE STAGNATING FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER AT 32% SHARE

BRANDS RECOVERING IN FRANCE & PORTUGAL DUE TO MORE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY

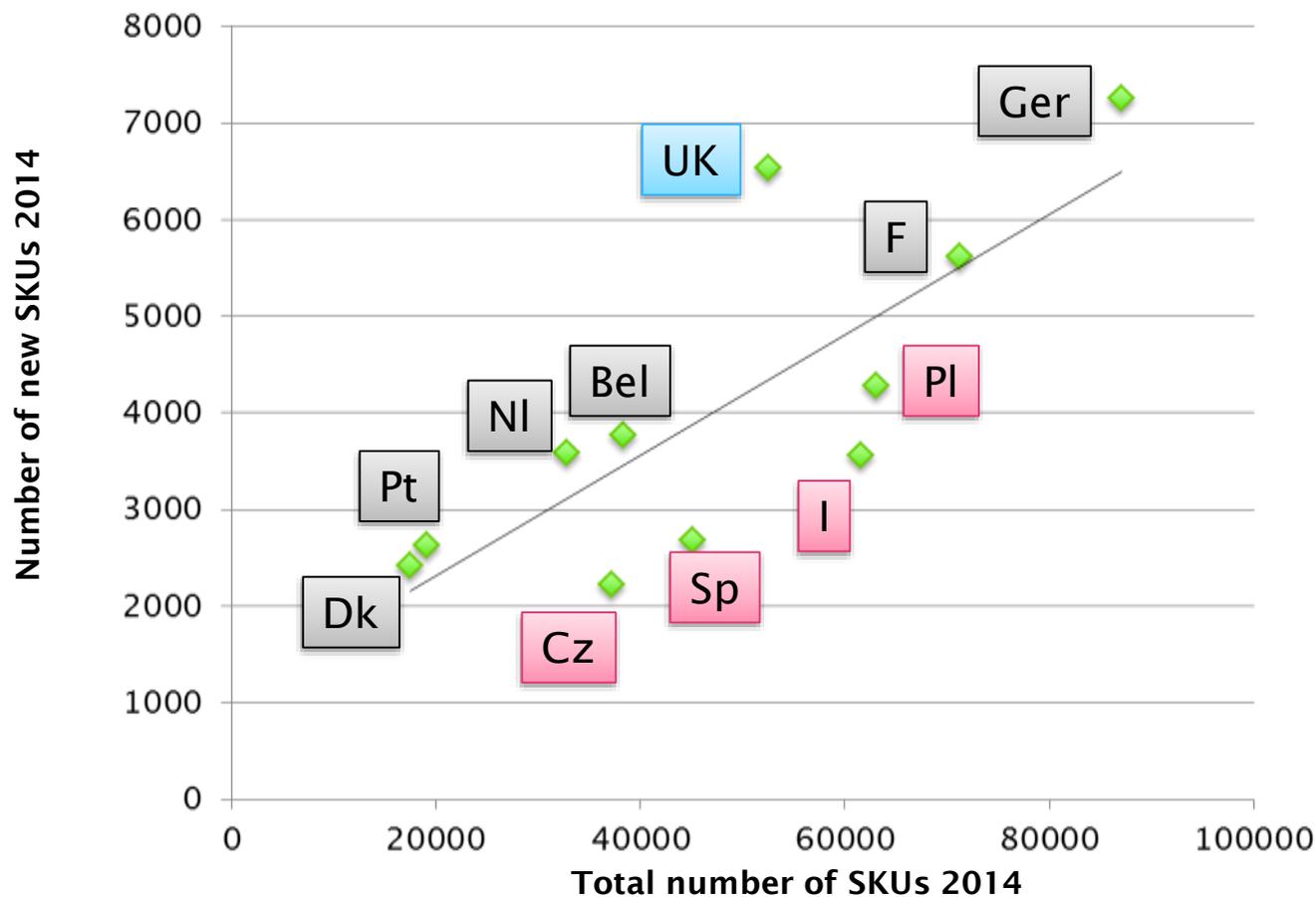
Value share 11 European countries



CHOICE IN NEW

# LAUNCH NUMBERS PROPORTIONAL TO ASSORTMENT SIZE

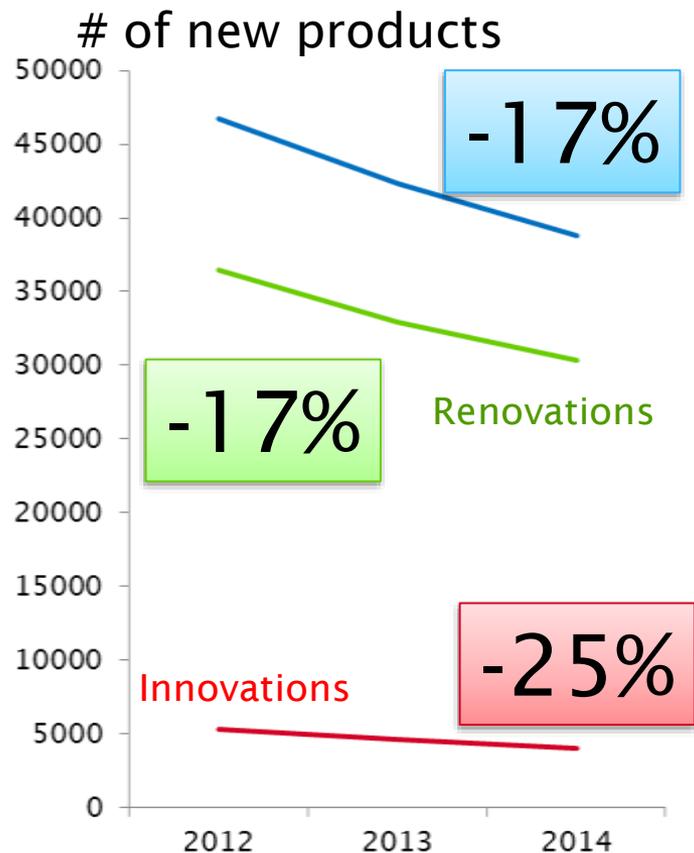
UK MORE LAUNCHES THAN EXPECTED, LESS IN PL, CZ, SP AND I



Typically close to  
**10%**  
of the assortment  
in a given year  
consists of new  
products

# NEW DOWN IN NUMBERS AND VALUE

MORE PRONOUNCED FOR INNOVATIONS THAN RENOVATIONS



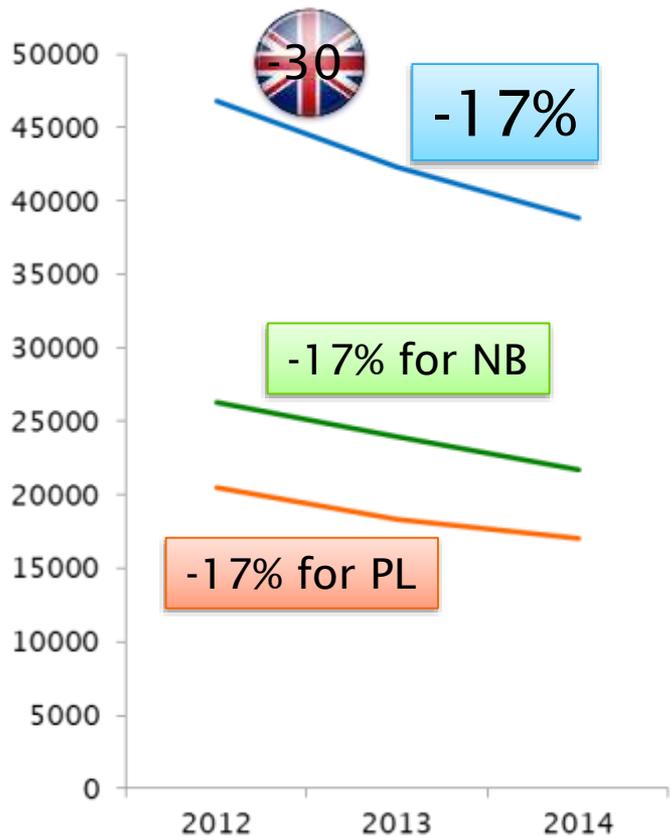
**Assortment Share**  
 11.2% → 9.1%

**Value Share**  
 15.5% → 12.7%

Countries: Germany Belgium Spain France Netherlands Portugal UK Denmark Poland (CZ and Italy no 2012 data)  
 Assignment Inno vs Reno not possible in Denmark  
 Assortment share is based on total SKUs across all markets, value share is using the average of the countries' values

# LAUNCHES DOWN BOTH FOR NB AND PL

BRANDS HAVE MORE SALES IMPACT AND MORE INNOVATIONS WITHIN NEW

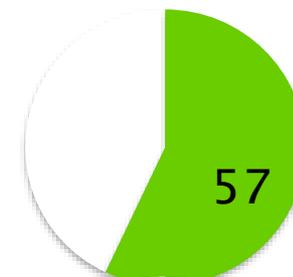


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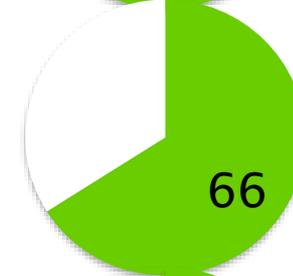
Category Coverage: up to 79 CPG categories

## Brands' Contribution

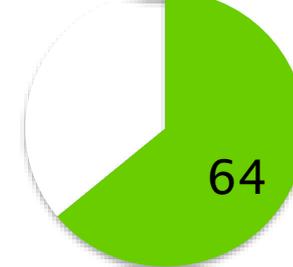
Assortment share



Value share



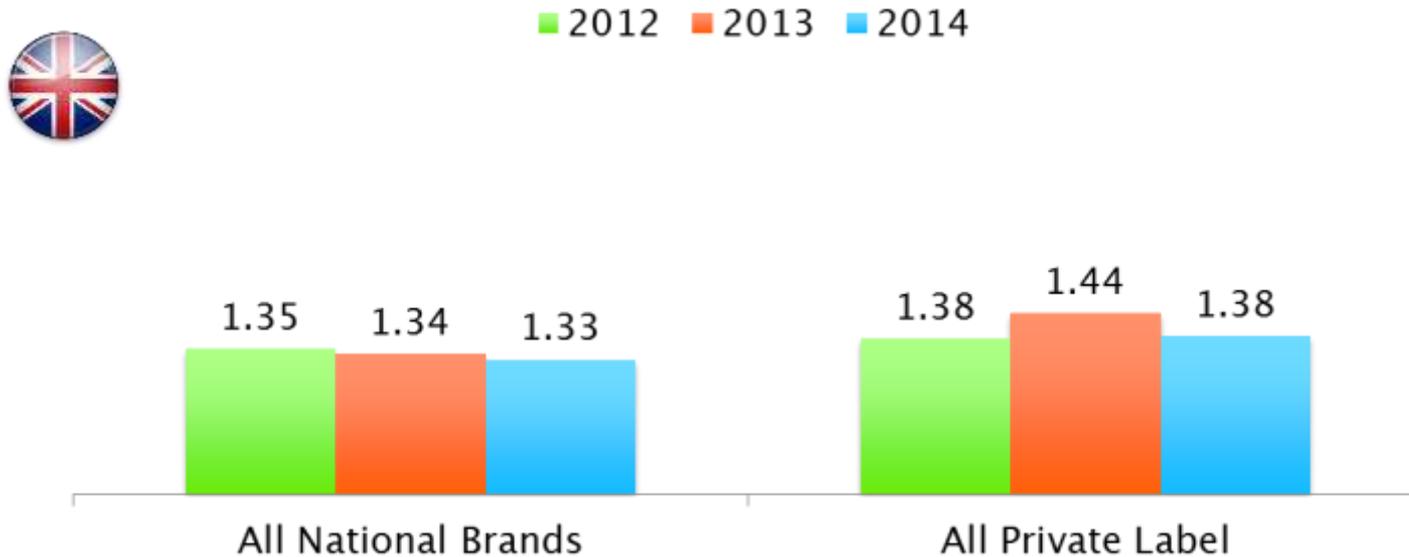
Innovation share



Launches aggregated across countries, value shows the arithmetic average across countries

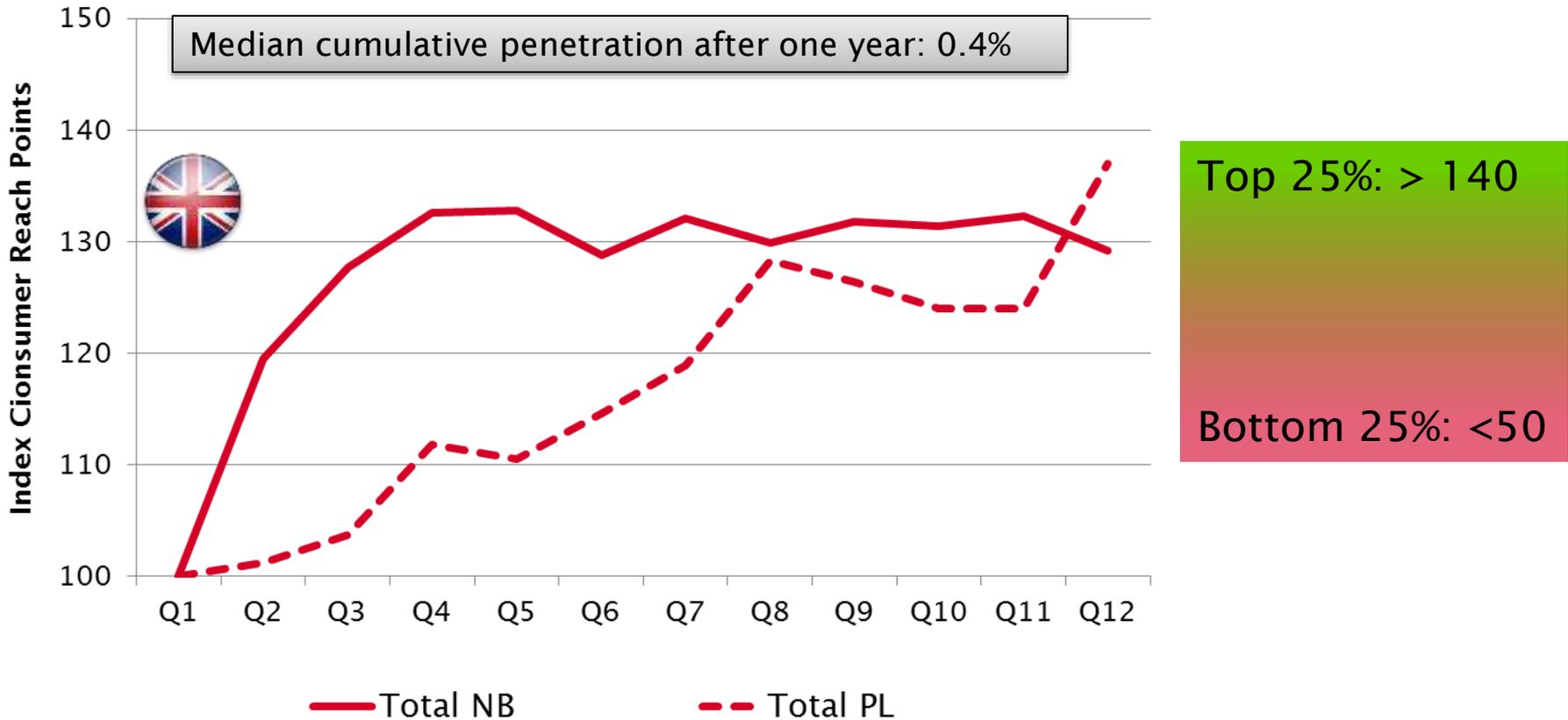
# PRICING OF NEW

## NEW AS A MEANS TO COUNTER COMMODITIZATION



# GROWTH OF NEW

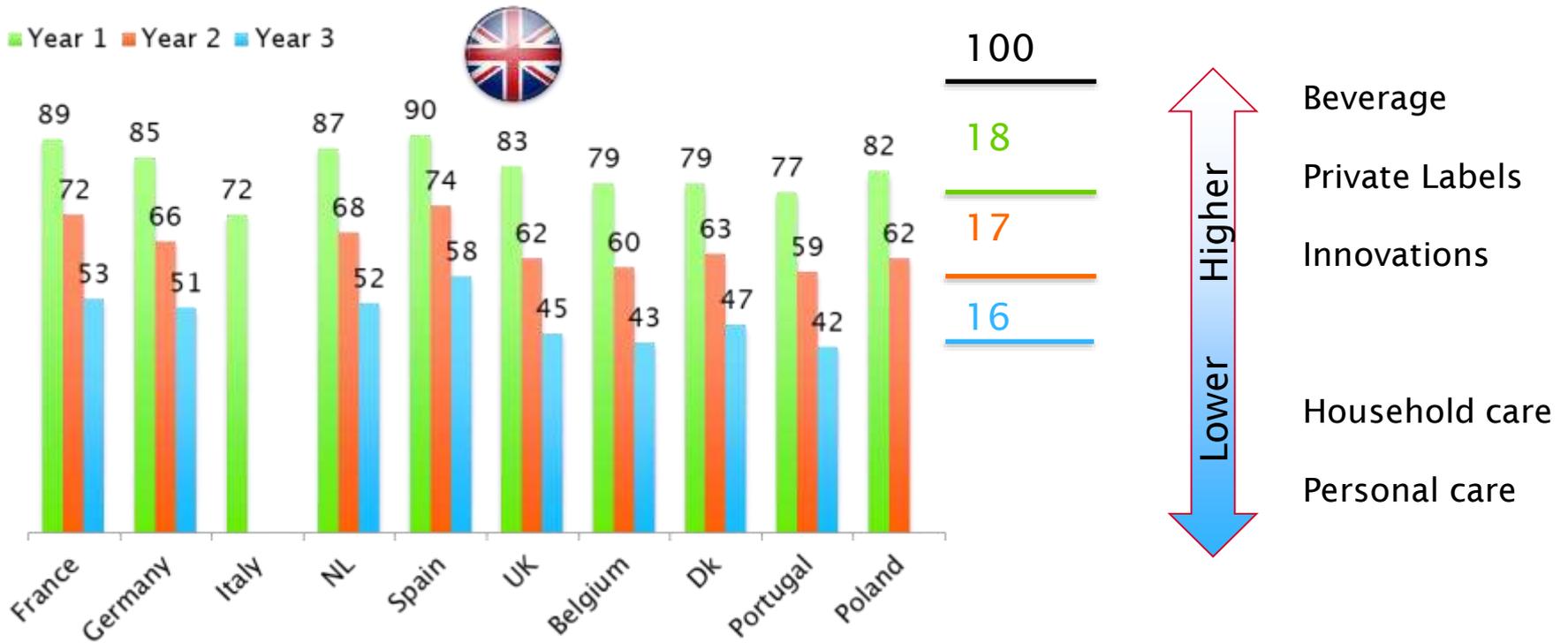
SUCCESS IN Q1-3 INDICATIVE OF THE POTENTIAL OF THE NEW LAUNCH



Consumer Reach Points = # of buyers multiplied by their average frequency per quarter  
 Chart shows **mean** for each subgroup  
 Sample and statistics include survivors only

# LESS THAN 50% MAKE IT TO YEAR 4

SMALL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NB AND PL, HIGHER SURVIVAL FOR BEVERAGES



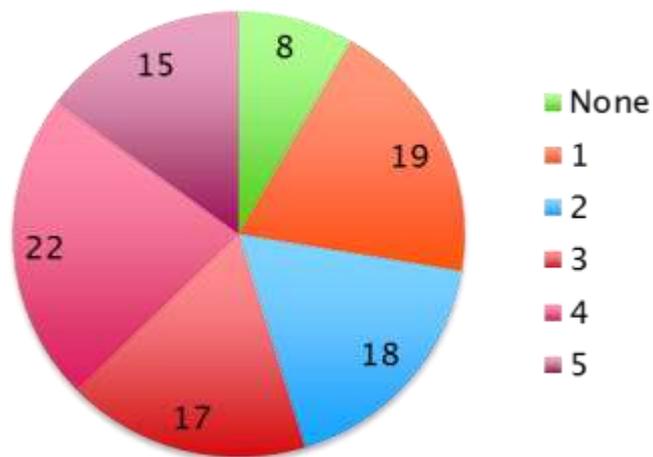
# RETAILER IMPACT



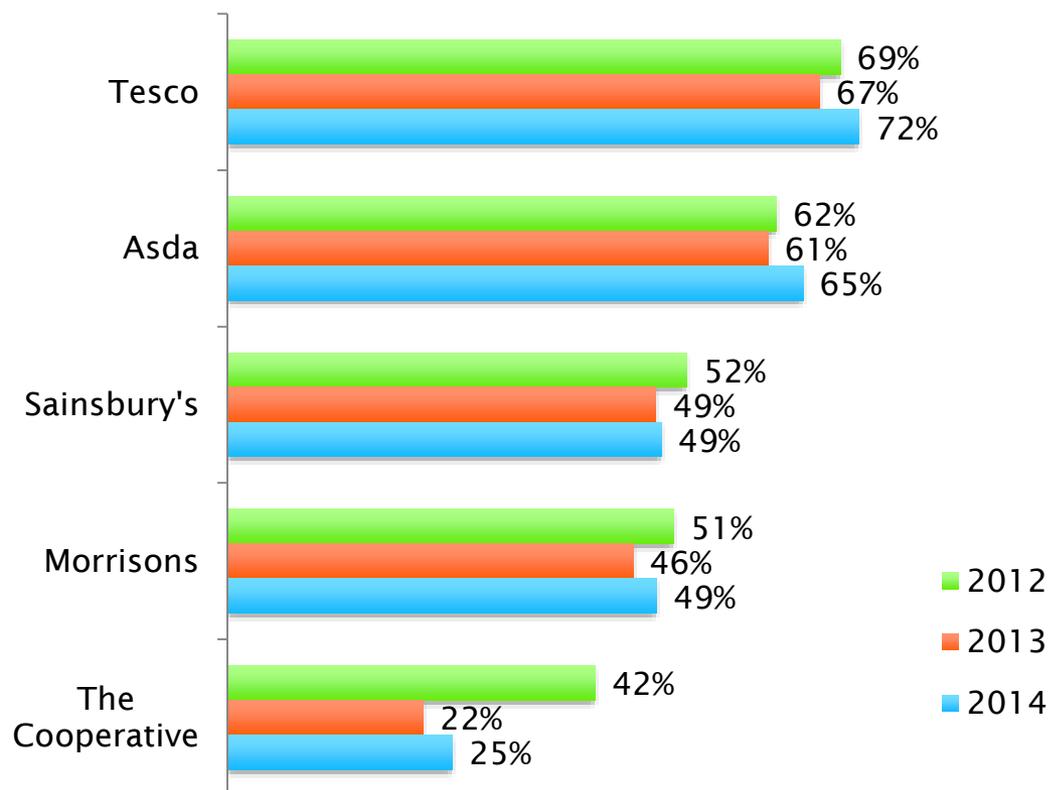


# RETAILER SUPPORT VARIES

15% OF BRANDED LAUNCHES LISTED IN ALL TOP RETAILERS  
 NO EVIDENCE OF INCREASE IN BLOCKING ACCESS



% of NB launches listed **within one year**



Listing by a retailer:

yes if innovation was sold at retailer within three years after launch

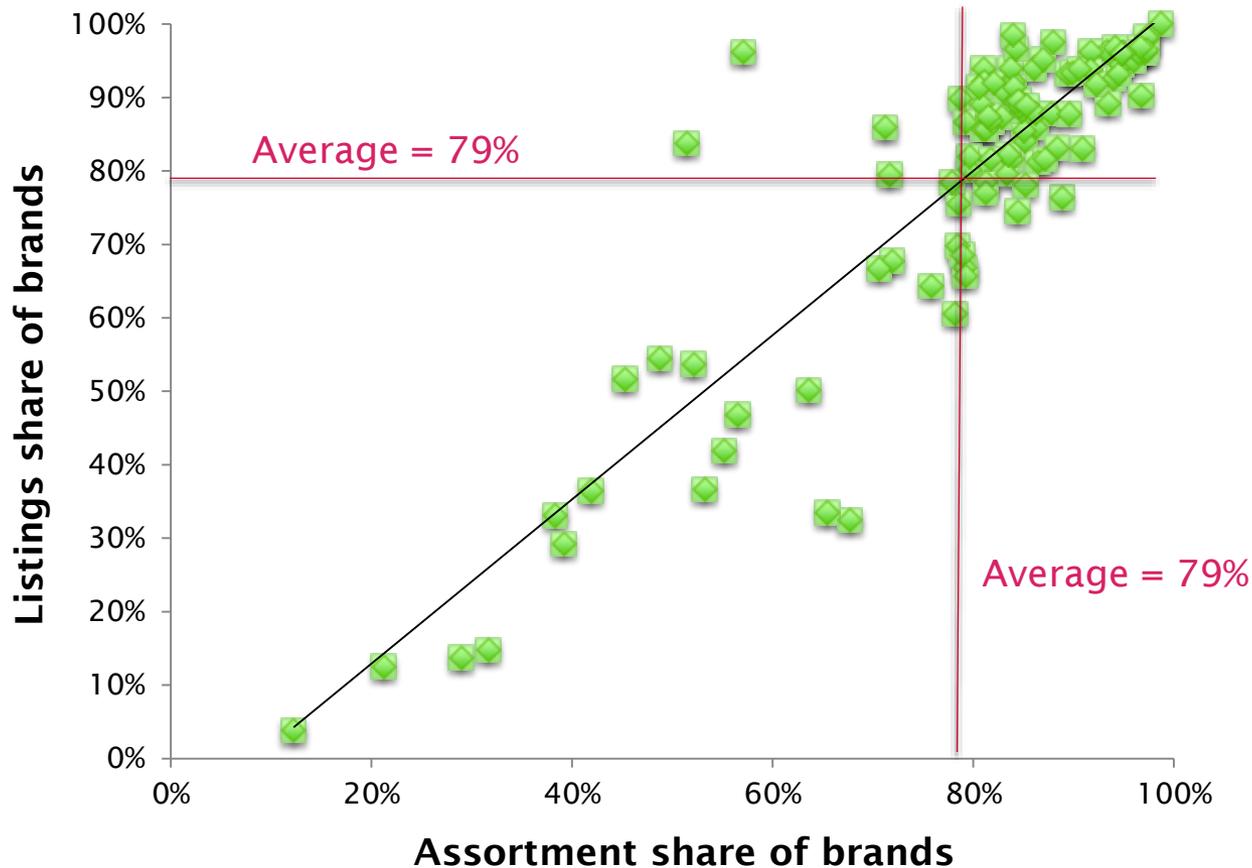
# BIGGER RETAILERS LIST MORE BRANDS

BEING BIG IS SUFFICIENT, BUT NOT NECESSARY FOR LISTING MANY BRANDS



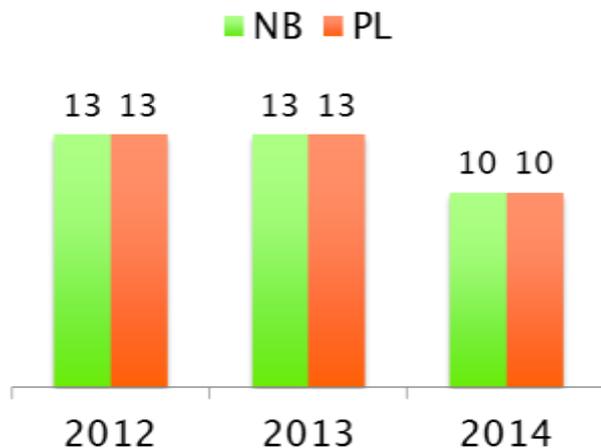
# CURRENT RANGE MAIN DRIVER OF LISTING DECISIONS

THE MORE NBs IN THE ASSORTMENT, THE MORE FOCUS ON NB LISTINGS



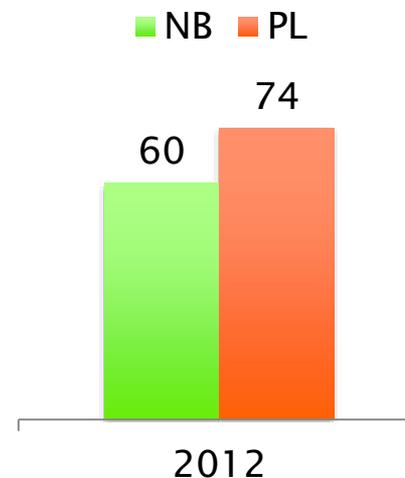
# DISCRIMINATION IN LISTINGS?

Percentage of retailer NB/PL range that is new



52% of retailers add more NBs than PLs relative to existing assortment

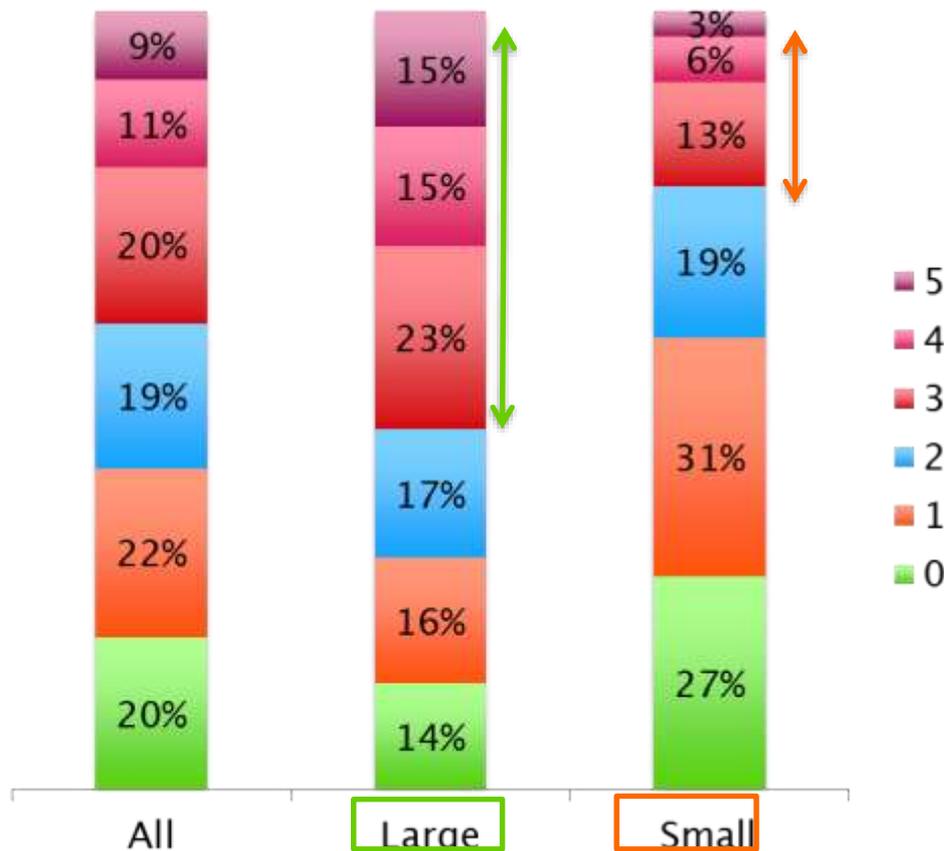
Percentage of average retailer's listings that survive more than one year



Average PL has better odds to survive, but more NBs remain on shelf

# ODDS OF BEING LISTED: SIZE MATTERS

LARGER BRANDS HAVE BETTER CHANCES TO BE LISTED IN MORE RETAILERS



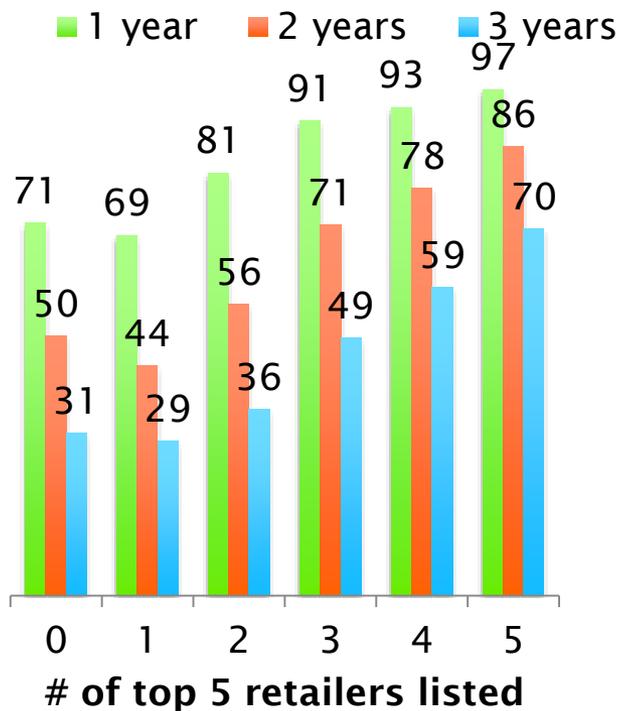
Launches by **large brands:**  
**1 out of 2**  
 gets into 3+ retailers

Launches by **small brands:**  
**1 out of 5**  
 gets into 3+ retailers

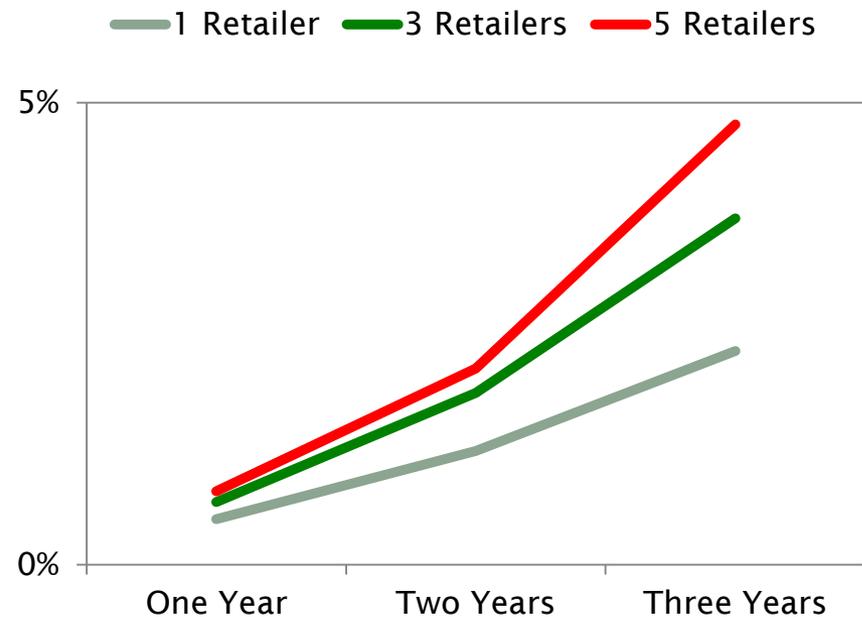
# BEING LISTED HELPS SURVIVAL & REACH

PRESENCE IN 4 OR 5 RETAILERS DOUBLES NB ODDS OF SURVIVAL

## SURVIVAL ODDS



## REACH



Year 1/2/3 survival = NB launch still selling in Q5/Q9/Q13 after launch

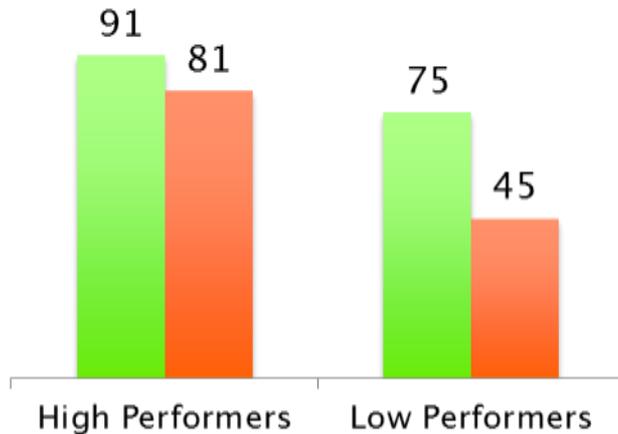
Reach: Cumulative Percentage of category buying households trying the new product within a given time frame

# PERFORMANCE IMPACTS SURVIVAL

HIGH PERFORMERS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE LIKELY TO MAINTAIN MARKET PRESENCE  
 PERFORMANCE DISCRIMINATES MORE STRONGLY FOR NB SURVIVAL



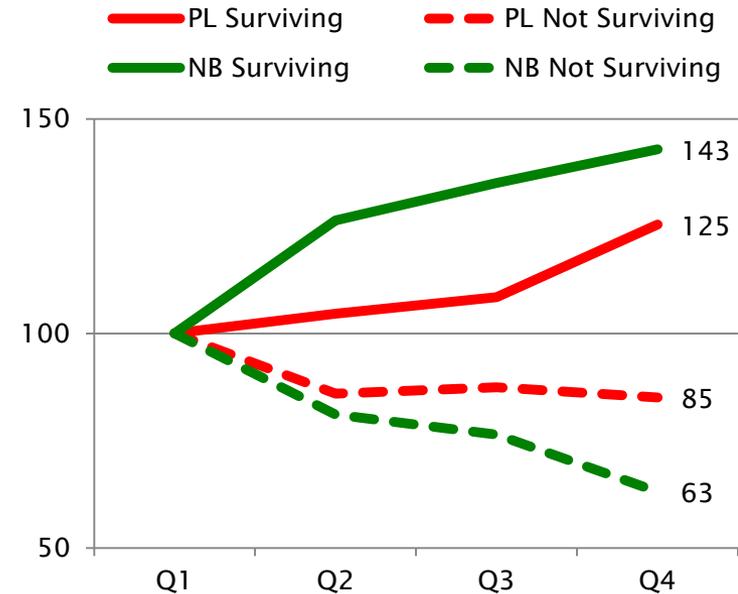
% surviving  
 ■ 1 year ■ 2 years



+ 20% after one year  
 + 80% after two years



CRP index Q1 - Q4  
 (2012 listings only)



Year 1/2 survival = innovation still selling in Q5/Q9/Q13 after launch

High/low performers: top/bottom quartile in terms of cumulative penetration

2012 listings in the UK  
 (n=9300)

# CONCLUSION

Listing by retailers key to NB launch success, stable

Less exposure to new products nonetheless

Little evidence of retailers reducing access for NB launches

But: Lower likelihood to remain on shelves

Enormous numbers, but in decline

*Less is more* would suggest a focus on fewer, bigger ideas

