

### SG Food & Grocery Trends 2022

How on-demand delivery is changing the way we eat, shop, order, and discover.

# Report Methodology





Primary Research from 6 countries\*

**Expert Interviews** and Industry sources<sup>^</sup>

Note:

- \* Grab surveys conducted online by Kantar and NielsenIQ for Grab in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Data collection was from January to September 2022. Total number surveyed across the region: Online food delivery was n=33,840. Singapore n=3,600, Malaysia n=6,030, Indonesia n=12,240, Philippines n=3,600, Thailand n=4,770, Vietnam n=3,600. Online grocery delivery was n=27,900. Singapore n=3,600, Malaysia n=4,500 Indonesia n=9,000, Philippines n=3,600, Thailand n=3,600, Vietnam n=3,600.
- ^ Qualitative discussions across the region to draw out more nuanced perspectives and insights.
- + GrabFood and GrabMart platform insights across January 2019–June 2022.







Media Trends Analysis

**Grab Platform** Insights<sup>+</sup>



### Big thanks to our partners for sharing their insights and case studies for this report









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### Deliveries After COVID-19: Appetites Continue to Grow

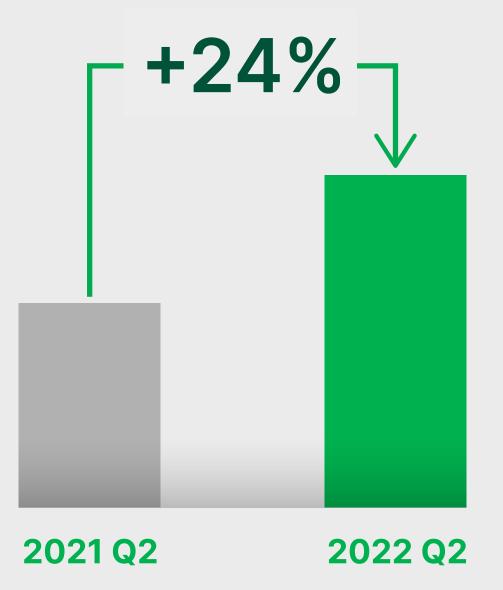




### Remember when deliveries kept us sane? It wasn't just a phase

Lockdown restrictions really changed the way Southeast Asians eat and shop. But demand for deliveries never stopped, even after restrictions were lifted.

Source: 1. Grab Q2'22 earning results 2. Grab survey July 2022. n=8,671 active Grab users regionally. Total Grab transacted delivery sales volume continued to grow in the last year<sup>1</sup>



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### 7 in 10

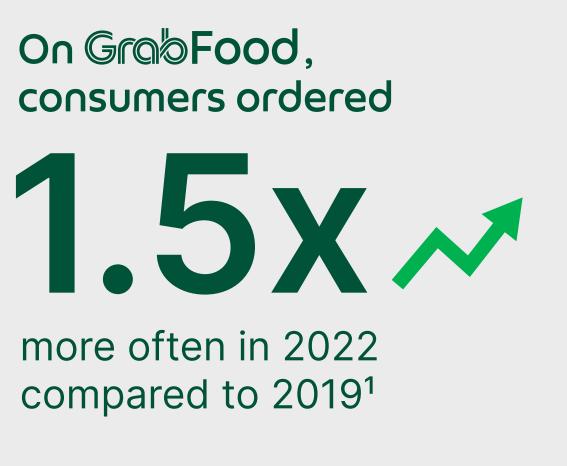
say that deliveries are a permanent part of their lives today<sup>2</sup>



### Post COVID-19: Delivery habits are here to stay

Singaporeans are ordering more often than ever before on GrabFood and GrabMart.

Source: 1. Grab Internal Data, 2019-2022 (monthly average).









### They're not just ordering more, they're spending more per order<sup>1</sup>



Source: 1. Grab Internal Data, 2019-2022 (monthly average). On GrabMart, average basket sizes grew 54% (2022 vs 2020)

2020

2022



### Wow, the largest single GrabFood order in 2022 was S\$992.48 Was that you?



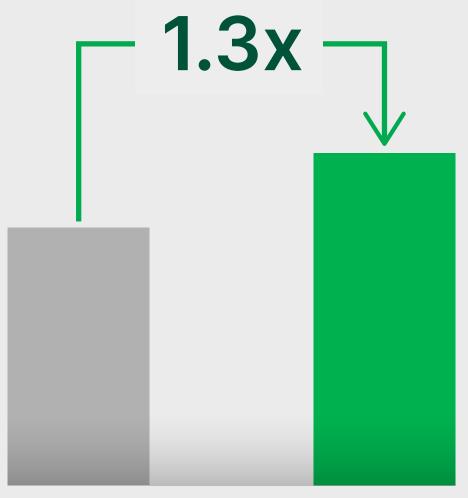
### Southeast Asians continue to spend more going into 2022

Expenditure on food and grocery delivery grew by 1.3x between 2021 and 2022.

Source:

Grab survey Nov'21 and May'22, n=13,720 active food and grocery delivery users regionally.
Grab survey H1'22. n=3,017 active food delivery users in Singapore.

#### Food and Grocery delivery expenditure<sup>1</sup>



### **2021 2022** Regional

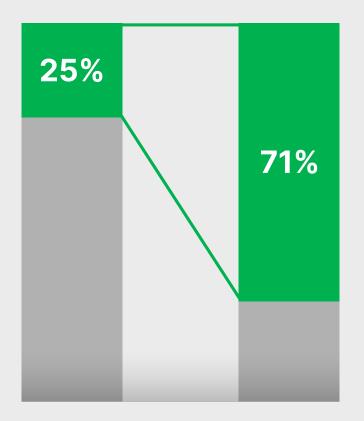
#### Top reasons Singaporeans use food delivery platforms<sup>2</sup>

#1 Convenience#2 On-demand#3 Social gatherings



### Heavy users disproportionately drive the most spend across the region

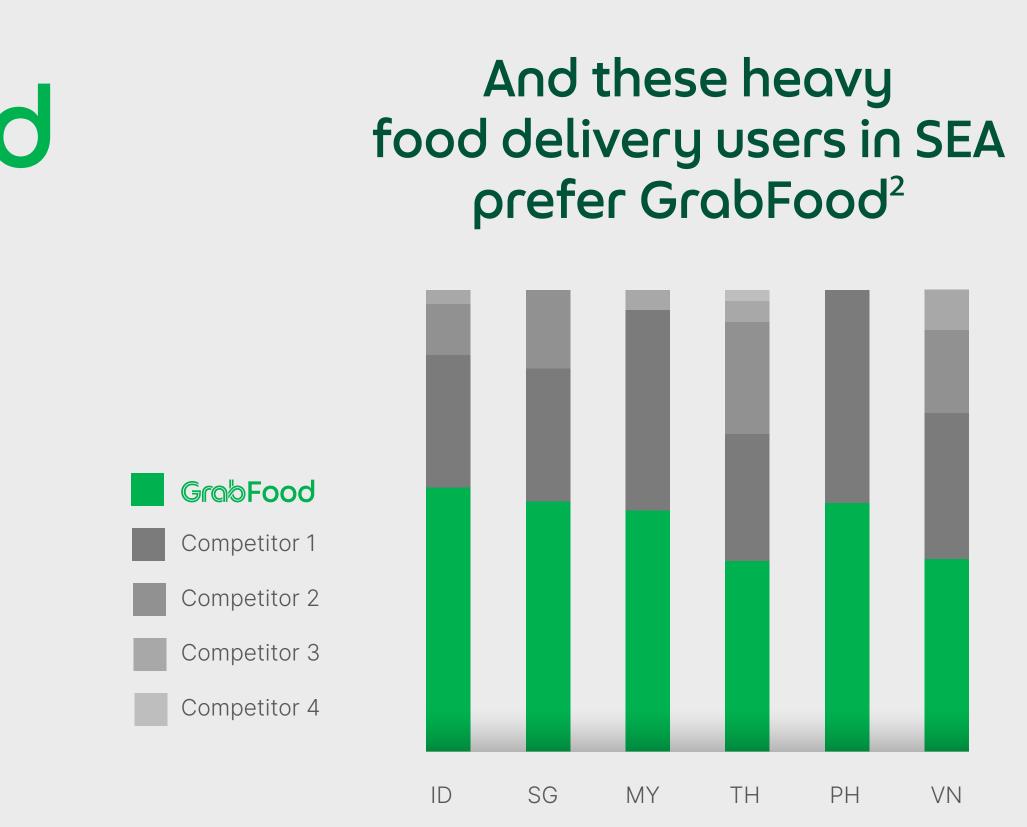
**Top 25%** of users in SEA contribute to **71%** of deliveries spending in the region<sup>1</sup>



Source:

1. Grab survey H1'22, n=10,832 active food and grocery delivery users regionally.

2. Grab survey H1'22. n=6,432 heavy food delivery users regionally. Compared against key food delivery players in the region based on most often used brand.



# Heaviest delivery users tend to be young families<sup>1</sup>



married with kids

> 5x online food delivery orders a month 62%

married with kids

> 7x online grocery delivery orders a month

#### **Top 3 reasons of ordering**

- Too busy to cook
- Cravings to satisfy
- Looking to treat their family

#### **Top 3 reasons of ordering**

- Special promotions
- Easy way to try new products
- Browse products leisurely

Source:

1. Grab Survey H1'22. n=1,139 heavy food and online grocery delivery users in Singapore.



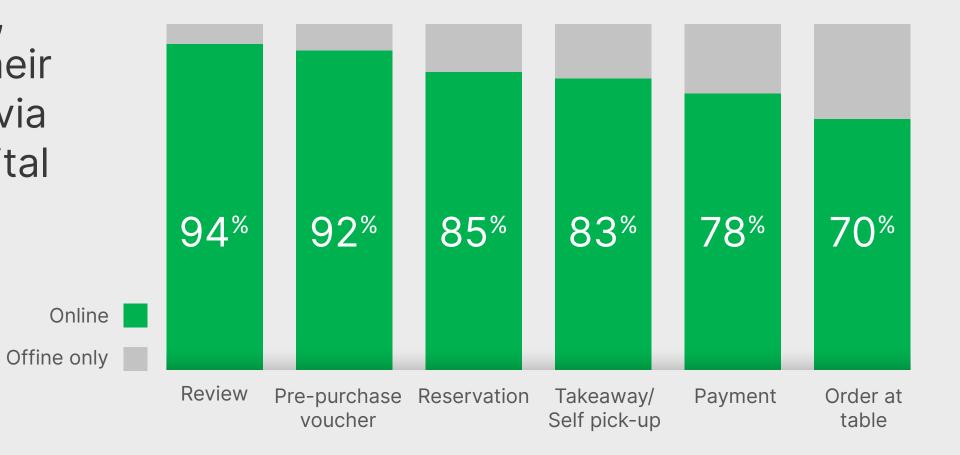
## Evolution: From Delivery to Discovery



### Digital now means omnichannel

Consumers now look forward to be able to discover, engage, and order from their favourite brands via some form of digital means.

### Digital platforms have become an integral part of the consumer journey



Consumer digital usage when it comes to dining out or takeaway<sup>1</sup>

#### 9 in 10 consumers prefer brands with an integrated online-to-offline experience<sup>1</sup>

"It's all about digital convenience—one app to browse, order, pay, read reviews, and purchase deals. Whether it's ordering in, dining out, or takeaway—we want that to be available via the Grab app, and for consumers to have the same great experience in-app and in-store.

With COVID-19 recovery in full swing, we're seeing more merchant-partners adopting our online-to-offline solutions. From Self Pick-up to GrabUnlimited and integrated advertising campaigns, we're working to bring the best experience and value to consumers."

Saad Ahmed, Managing Director, Regional Head of Commercial at Grab



### Delivery apps don't just deliver, they aid in discovery too<sup>1</sup>



got to know of a new store because of delivery apps 90%

tried at least one new store in a delivery app that they have not tried in person

Source:

1. Grab survey July 2022, n=8,671 active Grab users regionally.

2. Grab Internal Data H1'22.

### 74%

browse the delivery app without any restaurant or store in mind

### **17 mins**

is the average time consumers spend searching and browsing before making an order on GrabFood<sup>2</sup>



Win new customers while they're searching. Get ahead of competition with GrabAds search boosters.

Learn more at www.grab.com/sg/business/ads/



### 7 in 10 merchants say that delivery platforms are a must-have for their businesses to survive

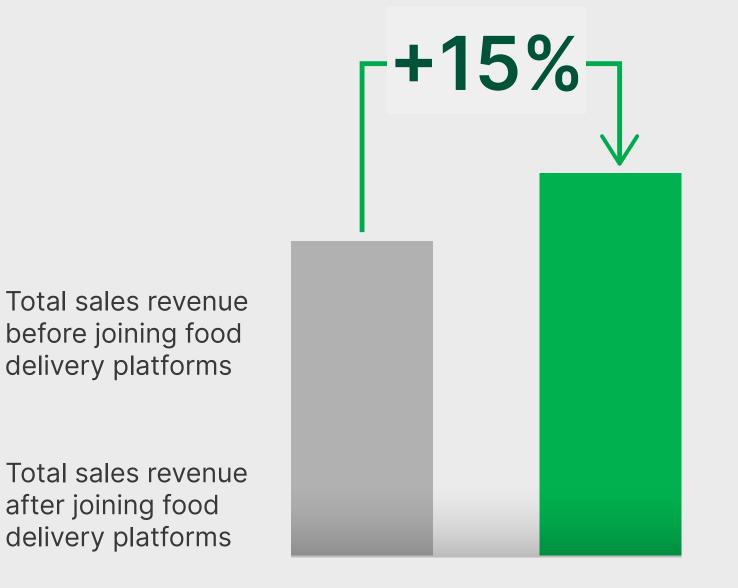
Delivery platforms have been instrumental in bringing in more customers to their business.<sup>1</sup>

Source: 1. Grab survey September 2022, n=50 active Grab merchants in Singapore. 2. Grab survey September 2022, n=662 active Grab merchants regionally.

delivery platforms

after joining food

**3rd party delivery apps** continue to drive incremental revenue to merchants<sup>2</sup>



73% of SEA merchants attribute majority of their online sales to GrabFood<sup>2</sup>



### "Being on GrabFood is like locating a McDonald's restaurant within Southeast Asia's largest digital food court."

Food delivery used to be a luxury but it's now a part of everyday life. Deliveries at McDonald's now consistently make up 30% of our business in Asia versus just 10% pre-COVID-19. While we have our own McDelivery app, we also work closely with third-party delivery platforms like Grab as we want our brand to be accessible to customers both offline and online.

Aside from delivery, we also work with Grab on in-store payment, loyalty rewards, and integrated campaigns to bring the same digital convenience from the Grab app into our stores and to extend the McDonald's experience into the Grab app.

**Eugene Lee** Regional CMO (Asia) at McDonald's





# $\left( \right)$ Top Orders that Stole the Spotlight on Grob



### Step aside bubble tea, hello coconut shake

### Singapore's Top Orders on GrabFood

#### 2021

- 1 Burger
- 2 Prata
- 3 Ice cream
- 4 Coconut sha
- 5 Fried chicke
- 6 Milk tea
- 7 Nasi lemak
- 8 Curry puff
- **9** Fries
- **10** Siew mai

#### Singapore's Most-searched Cuisines on GrabFood

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### Over 7 million burgers were sold on GrabFood in 2021

That's 14 burgers sold every minute!







### Cooling drinks: the COVID-19 home remedy



### Singapore's Top Orders on GrabMart

#### 2021

- 1 Yoghur
- 2 Beer
- 3 Bottled
- 4 Sashim
- 5 Waterm
- 6 Papaya
- 7 Ice
- 8 Milk
- 9 Sushi
- 10 Cooling

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### Any guesses what the top eats were throughout the day?



### Breakfast

5am – 11am

### **Top 3 foods:**

**Toast & sandwich** Soft boiled eggs Mee siam

#### **Top 3 beverages:**

Kopi O (black) Caffè latte Caramel macchiato



Lunch 11am – 3pm

#### **Top 3 foods:** Nasi lemak Chicken rice Stir fried noodles

**Top 3 beverages:** Coconut shake Milk tea Coffee



Tea Time 3pm – 6pm

**Top 3 foods:** Curry puff Otah You tiao

**Top 3 beverages:** Coconut shake Milk tea Honey green tea



Dinner 6pm – 10pm

**Top 3 foods:** Garlic naan Burrito bowl Ice cream

**Top 3 beverages:** Coconut shake Milk tea Smoothies

**Round the** clock orders: Burgers, fried chicken, and prata!



Supper 10pm – 5am

**Top 3 foods:** Ice cream Nuggets Instant noodles

**Top 3 beverages:** Carbonated drinks Teh tarik Dark chocolate

### **'Tis the season for feasts and sweets** Christmas and New Year hot sellers

### 3 ways to boost year-end sales

#### • Bundled variety platters

Cater to large group celebrations with dishes like grilled meat platters, pizza, and fried foods.

#### Snacks and sweet treats

Orders for chips, ice cream, sugary drinks, and chocolates went up by 80% compared to a normal day!

#### Lots of beverage options

Offer alcohol, soda, mixers, and ice to fuel those celebrations.



Cakes



Steak & meat platters





### Traditional goodies make reunions complete Chinese New Year favourites

### 3 tips to boost Chinese New Year sales

#### Create family sets

Provide bundles and platters that cater to groups of 4 and above.

#### • Stock up for last minute shoppers

Oranges, pork jerky, and festive cookies fly off the shelves especially 3 days before Chinese New Year.

#### Add Yusheng to your menu

More than 30 Yusheng orders were sold every hour!



Pork jerky (肉干)



Alcohol



Mandarin orange



Yusheng (鱼生)



# Top Trends to Supercharge Store Sales





### Trend #1 Healthy and plant-based alternatives are no longer niche

**4**x Healthy meals on GrabFood



77% of Singaporeans say that they consume at least 1 healthy meal every 2 to 3 days.<sup>1</sup>

Source: 1. Grab survey July 2022, n=1,729 active Grab users in Singapore. 2. Grab Internal Data, 2019-2022.

### Overall demand for healthier options on Grab increased<sup>2</sup> **5**X Health and wellness 19 - B. orders on GrabMart . . . . . . 2019 2020 2022 2022

#### 3 out of 5

consumers tried plant-based alternatives in the last 6 months<sup>1</sup>



GrabFood consumers tend to opt for healthier foods during lunch, as compared to other times of the day



### "Plant-based burgers made Burger King® available to a wider audience."

In response to the global demand for alternative proteins, Burger King introduced its plant-based platform to Asia in 2021, starting with the iconic WHOPPER® in a plant-based version, catered to Asian tastes. Since then, we have seen it to be incremental to our business.

At Burger King, our plant-based products are created to feel, taste, and look similar to real meat—and it delivers the same amazing Burger King experience.

Guests are at the center of our decisions, and we're committed to giving them options they can feel good about. We are excited about the category and will continue to extend our plant-based offerings both in restaurants and on delivery platforms like Grab.

**Daphne Kuah** Chief Marketing Officer (APAC) at Burger King







Trend #2 More people opted to entertain at home vs dining out

2 in 5 consumers prefer ordering in for social gatherings instead of eating out.<sup>1</sup>

Source: 1. Grab survey August 2022, n=826 active Grab users in Singapore. 2. Grab Internal Data, 2020- 2022. Defines as monthly basket spend in top 30%



### on GrabFood

large-sized weekend orders to residential areas surged by 2022



This is your cue to expand your menus with bundles for large group orders, or even special festive items!

Types of food ordered for large gatherings<sup>1</sup> 1. Sharing platters 2. Bundle or combo meals 3. Finger foods

2020



### Trend #3 Customers spend more when they can customise

9 in 10 consumers are more likely to order from merchants that allow customisation.<sup>1</sup> Top things that Singaporeans love to customise<sup>3</sup>:

- Spice level
- Sweetness level
- Types of sauces
- Toppings
- Side dishes

Source:

1. Grab survey July 2022. n=1,183 active Grab users in Singapore.

2. Grab Internal Data H1'22. Basket size comparison of single outlet GrabFood merchants with and without customisation.

3. Grab survey July 2022. n=672 active Grab users in Singapore.

### GrabFood merchants that offer customisation see larger basket size sales<sup>2</sup>

Average basket size without customisation

Average basket size with customisation +15% N



### "Subway believes in offering options that are convenient, affordable and customised just the way our guests like them."

As one of the world's largest quick-service restaurant brands, Subway serves made-to-order sandwiches, wraps, and salad bowls to millions of guests, across over 100 markets in more than 37,000 restaurants every day.

Increasingly, we see guests wanting the ability to choose and customise their food—not just within our physical restaurants but also on delivery platforms such a GrabFood.

Whether it's the bread we bake fresh daily, craveable signature subs, or new flavours added to our fan-favourite sandwich combinations, we continue to innovate to offer new and improved menu items to excite new and returning guests.

#### Samad Shariff

Country Director (SEA & Hong Kong/Macau) at Subway







### Trend #4 Snacking boosts off-peak revenue

1 in 5 Singaporeans say that they snack at least once a day.<sup>1</sup>

+64% Growth in **GrabFood** tea time orders

2020

Source: 1. Grab survey August 2022. n=1,077 active Grab users in Singapore. 2. Grab Internal Data 2020-2022.

#### Tea time and total snack orders on Grab saw an overall increase between 2020 and 2022<sup>2</sup>



2022

2020

2022



Snacking is not a solo activity. With workplaces reopening, 60% of consumers say that they generally tend to order for more than 1 pax<sup>1</sup>



### "Unilever saw on-demand ice cream orders via delivery platforms surge in the last 3 years."

Consumers' general behaviour evolved during the pandemic. They are now prioritising happiness more than ever. We saw Southeast Asians turn to snacking as a source of comfort—looking for simple pleasures to de-stress and treat themselves.

Within the last year, we saw over 1 million ice cream orders sold on Grab's platform! We expect to see this on-demand snacking phenomenon grow further, as it's spurred by consumers' increased willingness to indulge and increased need for convenience and comfort.

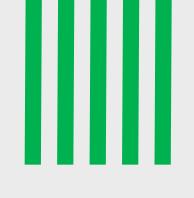
#### **Amaury Marescaux**

Director of Global Ice Cream Partnerships at Unilever









### Trend #5 Delivery subscriptions are the next big thing

1 in 3 food delivery users today subscribe to a subscription plan.<sup>1</sup>

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order 44% more often

on food deliveries compared to non-subscribers<sup>1</sup>

Want to tap onto these big spenders? Participate in promo campaigns under the GrabUnlimited subscription plan.

1. Grab survey May-June 2022, n=3,190 subscribers regionally (ID,MY,TH,SG). Based on orders and expenditure across 3 delivery subscription plans in the region.

#### Subscribers say that they

spend 18% more per order

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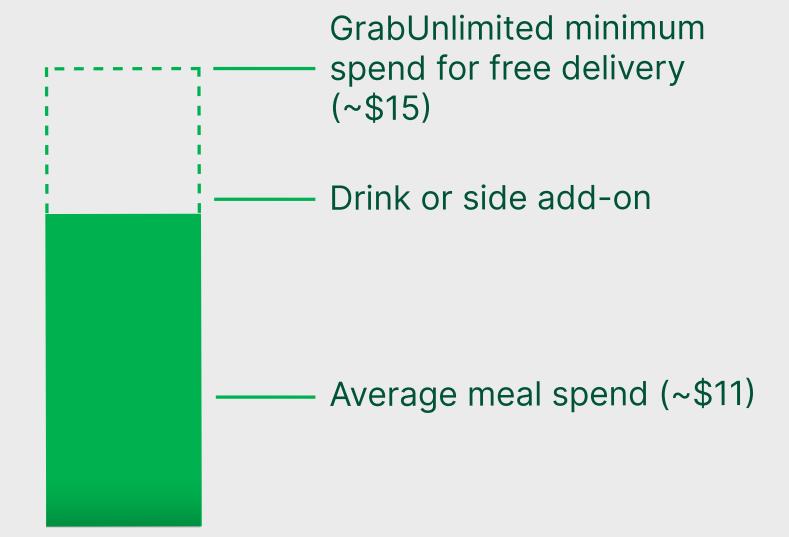


### Trend #6 Add-ons help customers earn free delivery (and boosts sales!)

1 in 3 consumers say that they will switch restaurants if they're unable to hit the minimum spend for promos.<sup>1</sup>

Source: 1. Grab survey July 2022. n=1,183 active Grab users in Singapore. 2. Grab Internal Data, 2022.

### The sweet spot: Add-ons priced between \$4–5<sup>2</sup>





### "1 in 5 main meals today include a non-alcoholic ready-to-drink beverage."

At Coca-Cola, we're constantly looking at more ways to engage our consumers and meet their daily beverage needs. Recent research has shown that 57% of menu decisions are made an hour before a meal while for 75% of meal shopping occasions, the meal ingredients are determined during the shopping trip. We want our portfolio of beverages to be easily accessible to our consumers at any time of day, whatever the occasion.

We believe we can achieve this by supporting our customers and helping them grow their businesses via optimised menu executions like meal bundling or add-ons. Partnering with Grab to help our customers grow is a great opportunity for Coca-Cola to amplify these efforts and meet the evolving needs of our consumers.

#### **Mick Drew**

eCommerce Head, 020 (Offline-to-Online) at Coca-Cola





# **Every Business** Should Know





### Powerful new tools & features, now on the GrabMerchant app



### The 'Ready' tick

Merchants now have full control over the time they need to prepare an order. They can update their order timings in-app, and mark them as ready when it's done. This helps to reduce the wait-time of delivery-partners in-store.



### Chat and reviews

Directly address order issues through in-app chats with customers in real-time to deliver higher satisfaction.

#### Tip:

1-star rating orders can be reduced 8x by simply chatting with your customers<sup>1</sup>



### Social media profile integration

Merchants can improve their in-app store presence by linking their social media profiles to their GrabFood or GrabMart store profiles.

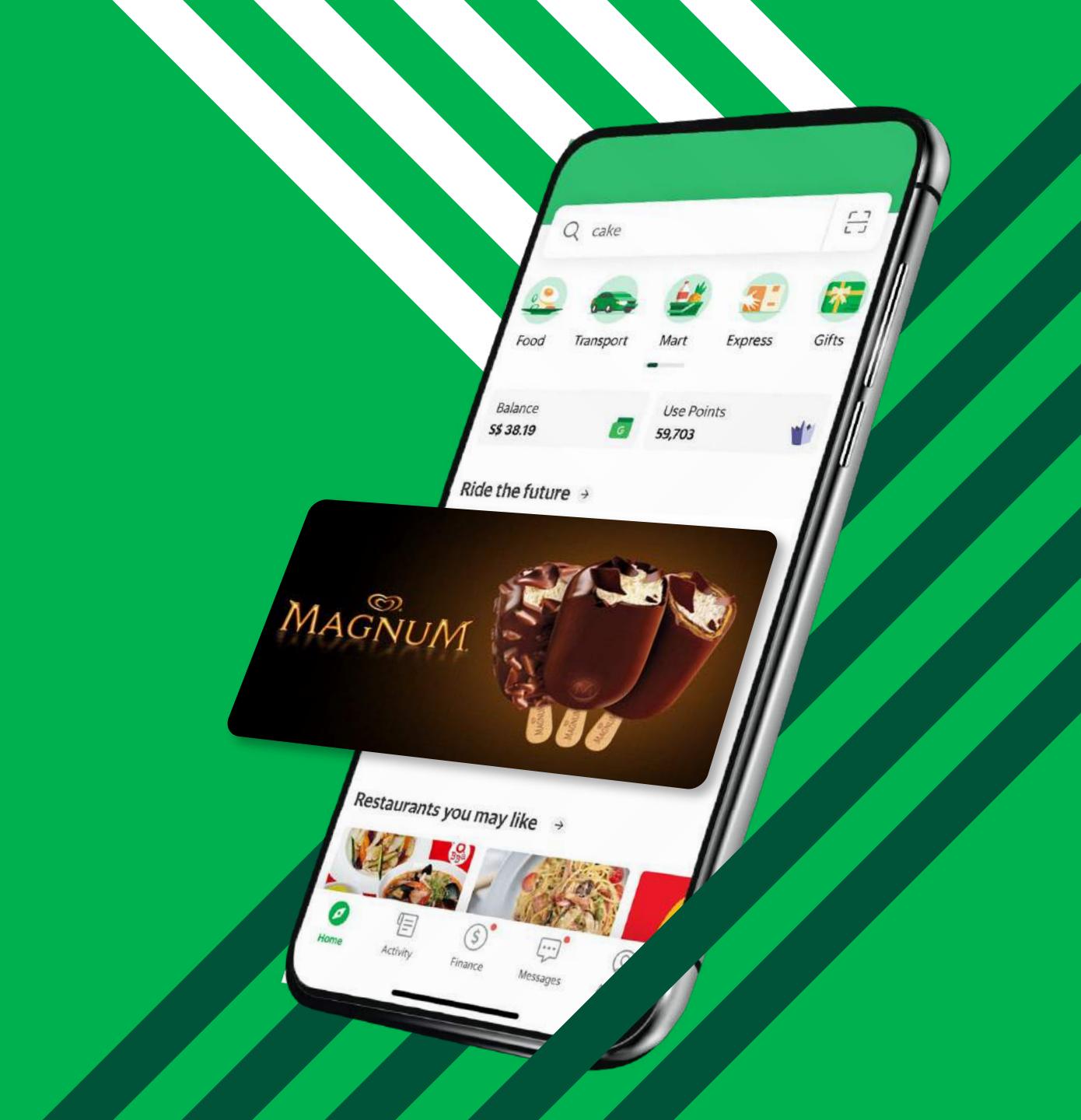
They can also create promotional content and ad visuals on Grab and share them to their social channels.



### The 'Insights' tile

**Review business** performance, get insights on Grab's audience segments, trending orders, total cancellations, and more.

# How to Get Ahead with GrobAds



### Reach eaters across Singapore with GrabAds



### Drive real world sales

Measure your GrabAds performance in terms of meals ordered, not just impressions served.



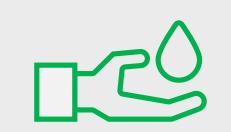
### Launch with a bang

Launch new products, meal deals, and more with high impact formats that engage and influence eaters across their entire journey—both in-app and in real life.



### Run with real data on real eaters

First-party insights based on millions of in-app transactions can help you reach loyal or lapsed customers, fast food fans, food-curious newbies and more cookie-free.



### Drive sampling on demand

Entice consumers to try your new products! Grab's network of merchant retailers and riders can get samples in consumers' hands on-demand.



### Expand physical distribution

Partner with our GrabFood or GrabMart merchant-partners to add your products to their menus or inventory. You can also set up and promote your own virtual outlet within the Grab app.

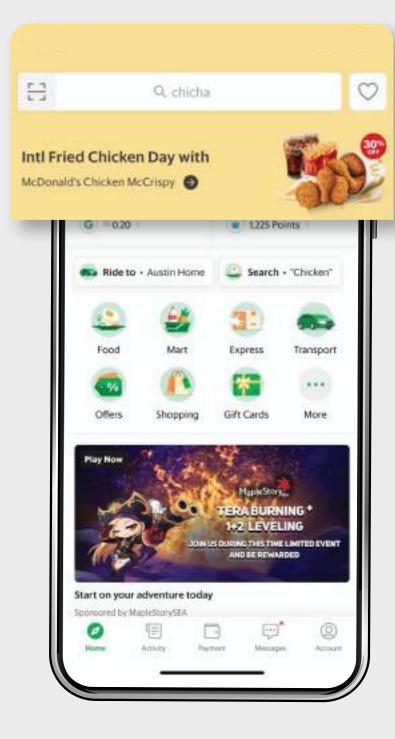


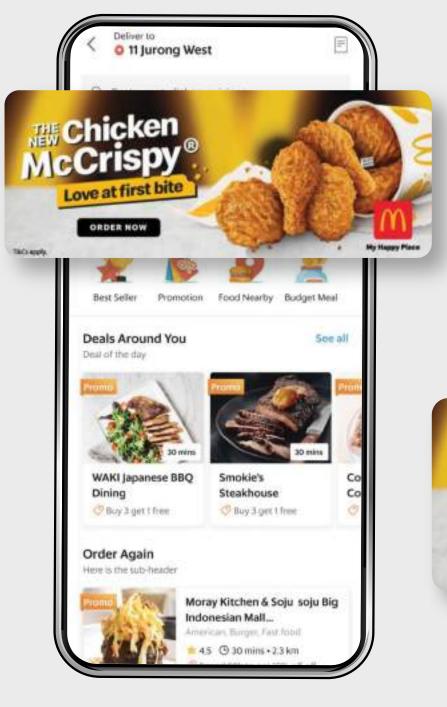
# Case Study: Maximising awareness and sales for any new menu launch



Singapore

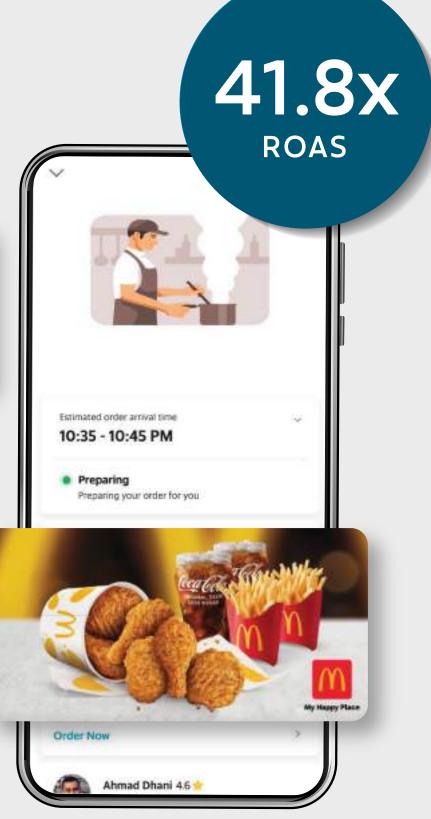
McDonald's Singapore partnered with GrabAds to launch their McCrispy with a full-funnel advertising strategy targeting every stage of the customer journey.



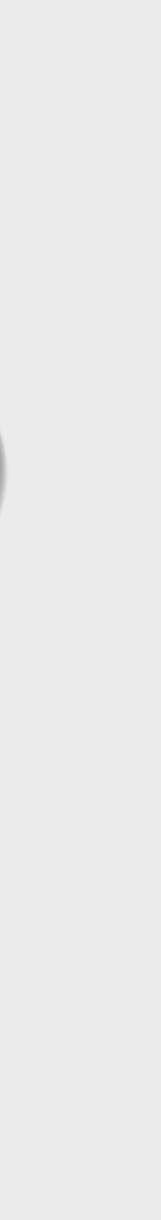


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**Food Banner** 



In-transit Ad

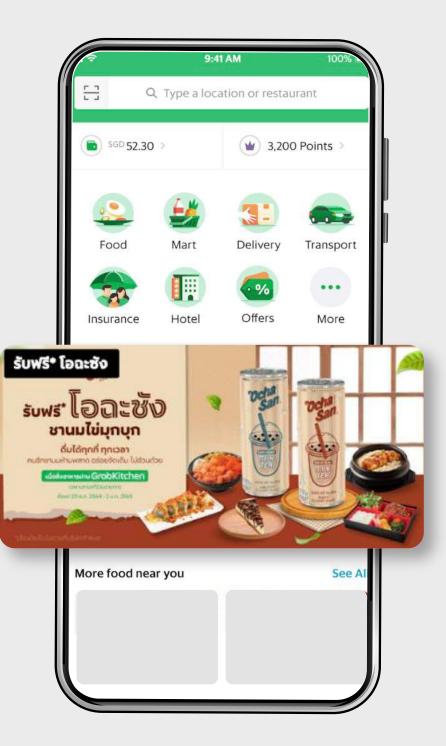


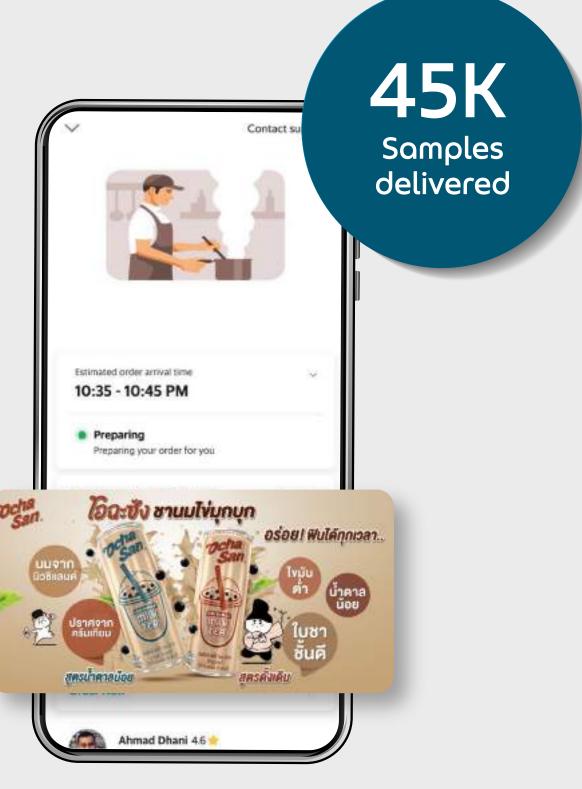
# Case Study: Online-to-offline sampling for innovative new products



Thailand

OchaSan Thailand partnered with GrabAds to help customers get their hands on free samples of their new, guilt-free, ready-to-drink bubble tea.





**Mart Banner** 

In-transit Ad



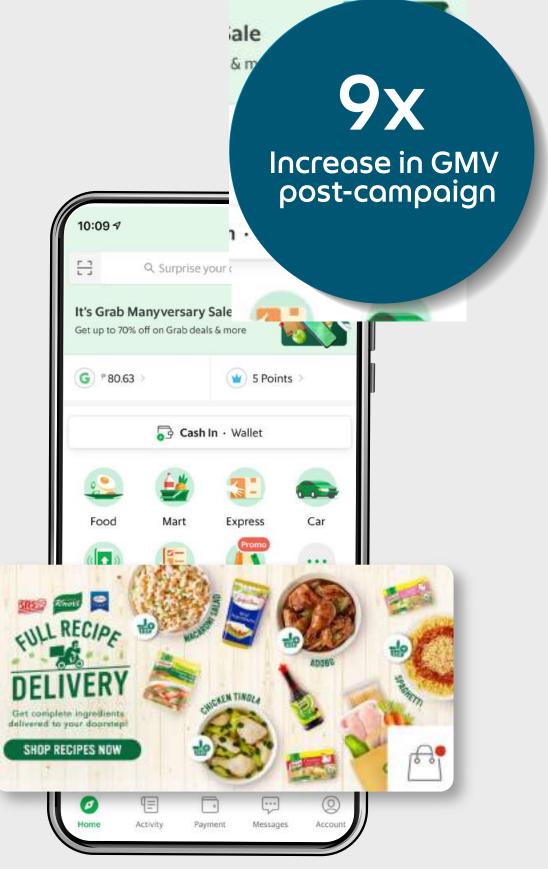
### Case Study: Inspiring shoppers with shoppable recipes on GrabMart



Philippines

Knorr Philippines partnered with GrabAds to promote "shoppable recipes" that help users decide what's for dinner. Consumers can click on the cards to shop the recipe by adding ingredients to their baskets, including time-saving Knorr favourites.





**Inbox Banner** 

**Mart Banner** 



### Grab is a leading superapp platform in Singapore, providing food, grocery, parcel deliveries, mobility, as well as financial services.

#### **Category Leader**

across deliveries, mobility, and E-wallets<sup>1</sup>

#### **6.1M App** Downloads<sup>2</sup>

1.7x more than closest competitor<sup>2</sup>

#### 1.7x more MAUs<sup>3</sup>

than closest competitor<sup>3</sup>

Not yet a GrabAds partner? **Get in touch here:** grabads@grab.com

#### Source:

- 1. Based on Euromonitor's independent analysis, Grab continued to be the category leader in 2021 by GMV in online food delivery and ride-hailing, and by TPV in the e-wallet segment of financial services in Southeast Asia, despite increased competition.
- 2. Average of Sensor Tower and data.ai, total app downloads from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2022.
- 3. Average of Sensor Tower and data.air, average monthly active users for Q1'22.

