

# **Physical & Digital Experiences**

Trend Report for Little Diversified Architectural Consulting

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### Report Summary | Physical & Digital Experiences





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Briefing: Just as 'gamification' promises a more enriched digital experience via immersive environments online, what technologies are enhancing the instore/physical experience? While many argue that the on-line experience is a poor substitute for a physical experience - in part because it cannot replicate the human or sensory aspects of the built environment - we've suddenly entered a phase where many of these 'high-touch' areas are off limits. How are brands successfully maintaining connection with their customers, employees, patients and students?

**Takeaway:** The ongoing global pandemic has forced many individuals to practice physical distancing and remain home when possible, increasing their feelings of isolation. Combined with other factors—like social unrest, the growing threat of climate change, and personal circumstances— consumers are experiencing an exponential build-up of stress and desire for experiences. As a result, more people are looking for accessible resources that will help them deal with their arrivals in a healthing way, while remaining within their pages.

### Top Insights



#### Virtual Marketplace Marketplaces are now taking place virtually to keep people safe

Trend - Now that at-home shopping is people's only completely safe option, ecommerce is booming. Marketplaces are now included in this shift, with everything from farmers' to christmas markets now taking place virtually. Insight - As safety precautions become the norm in retail and public spaces, consumers still want to experience the normalcy that they've lost in recent months. Though their previous shopping and recreational habits look different now, having adapted alternatives is easier on consumers than having no alternatives at all.



#### **AR Tourism** Augmented reality platforms make exploration more interesting and informative

Trend - Augmented reality is being use in tourism-based apps in order enhance the experience of explorers. These apps help keep people engaged with their surroundings and bring more money to local economies.

Insight - Now that local tourism has become many consumers' only travel option, the use of platforms that help them explore already-familiar environments could be useful in keeping local tourism fresh and exciting. With the restrictions and limitations consumers are currently facing, any alternative form of travel and tourism is welcomed.



#### **Virtual Malls** Brands are launching online re-creations of shopping malls and storefronts

Trend - Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, brands are launching virtual shopping centers to recreate the traditional shopping experience online. These range from virtual street fronts to large-scale digital shopping centers and allow owners to showcase their products to a niche, virtual community. Insight - The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many consumers to remain indoors, without the opportunity to easily acquire the goods they had access to before. Many consumers are looking for streamlined and convenient solutions to continue their previous shopping habits and are turning to brands to provide a curated selection of products to browse.



#### **Online Fitting** Wedding and bridesmaids' dresses are fitted and purchased virtually

Trend - Virtual fittings for wedding and bridesmaids dresses are increasingly common as the COVID-19 pandemic had made it difficult to experience this ritual in-person. These services allow those shopping for dresses to decide the fit and style, and some allow these services in groups much like an in-person fitting would. Insight - With people all over the world having had their lives upended this year, the celebration of traditional milestones has become an even more important part of consumers' lives--offering a sense of normalcy amidst ongoing lifestyle disruptions. However, these milestones can no longer be "traditional" in the sense that they have had to adapt to strict safety protocols--a fact that consumers have expected brands to adapt to quickly and effectively.

## Getting the Most out of Your Custom Report



**Purpose:** Trend Hunter's Custom Reports are designed to inspire innovation by exposing you to hand-selected content related to your brand, specific projects, future-scoping, adjacent categories and more.

As you go through the report, remember to ask yourself:

- 1 What could this insight or innovation mean for my brand specifically?
- 2 How might these insights make you think about the consumer differently?
- How do these trends ladder up to Trend Hunter's Megatrends, or any other Megatrends I'm familiar with?





# Consumer Insights

Overlooked Opportunities & Examples

Trend Hunter's Insights highlight the what and why of major industry shifts. They are split into two sections: the trend section, which identifies a new opportunity in a given industry, and the insight section, which explores the specific target consumer's motivations, attitudes, beliefs and ultimately tension behind that opportunity. They are built on a foundation of Trend Hunter's crowdsourced trend examples, clustered together by underlying patterns.

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**Virtual Christmas Markets** 

The World's Biggest Virtual Christmas Market Will

Run in November







Virtual Farmers' Market Apps
Chipotle's Online Marketplace Supports Supplies & Farmers



Virtual Art Marketplaces

Hallmark's Hallmarket Shares Artwork by Hallmark Employees and Retirees

**8.2** 

Popularity

Activity

Freshness









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#### **Online Shopping Cities**

Dubai Commercity is a Free Trade Zone Dedicated to eCommerce



### **Virtual Shopping Malls**

New Zealand Company, EPIC, Recently Launched a Virtual
Mall



#### **Virtual Reality Shopping Malls**

Alliance Studio Debuted a 3D Virtual Shopping Mall

**7.9** Score

Popularity

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Social AR City Lenses
Snap Launched the City Painter Feature for Certain
Areas in London





Tourist-Targeted AR Filters
Singapore Tourism's AR Effect Helps Tourists Locate Fun
Destinations

World's First AR Avatar Tour Guides

### Avatar-Led Travel Apps

Augmented Reality Avatars Host Sherpa Tours' Walks



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Gamification

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**AR Bridal Gowns** David's Bridal and Vertebrae Visualize AR Wedding Dresses



**Chic Sustainable Wedding Apparel** Azazie Offers Eco-Friendly DTC Bridal and **Bridesmaid Dress** 



Virtual Bridal Showrooms Adrianna Papell Helps Millennial Brides Shop with Their Bridal Party



**Virtual Bridal Appointments** David's Bridal is Introducing Virtual Video **Appointment Experiences** 



Popularity Activity











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### 3d Shopping



3d virtual shopping platforms aim to elevate the purchase journey

**Trend** - 3d visuals on e-commerce platforms are increasingly popular as consumers seek out more immersive forms of virtual retail. These aesthetics have the benefit of showing customers the products in a more realistic and all-encompassing way.

**Insight** - As e-commerce becomes the go-to not just for necessities or hard-to-find items, but for most of consumers' purchases, people are increasingly drawn to virtual shopping experiences that are both informative and experiential. Brands that prioritize information and detailed visuals are more trustworthy for consumers, particularly when it comes to shopping for items that they would traditionally try on or test out first.





Luxury AR Shopping Images Burberry Partnered with Google to Provide Mobile AR Experiences



Showrooms
REND by TRNK is a Virtual
Exhibition with a Focus on
Stone & Metal

Virtual Furniture



Shoppable
Augmented Reality
Ads
South Korea's LG
Launched the U+ AR
Shopping App for 3D
Browsing



AR Ski Kit Creators Mountain Hardwear's Shopping Experience Supports Virtual Product Discovery

**7.2** Score

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Experience

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### **Digital Consultation**



Home renovation brands are launching contactless consultations for clients

**Trend** - Many home renovation experts are moving to digital consultation in order to keep business afloat during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this approach, brands can build their relationships with clients by giving them advice or get a head-start on a lengthy project by emphasizing the planning stages.

**Insight** - Consumers who are instructed to stay at home are looking for ways to update their space and make it more comfortable as they are encouraged to spend more time indoors. Driven by ambition and a desire to keep productive while at home, individuals are tackling both smaller and bigger projects, seeking expert guidance while being mindful of the pandemic.



Virtual Home Renovation Consultations
MAC Renovations Embraces Virtual Technology
Amid COVID-19



Free Home Renovation Resources
FixIt Service Pros' Toolkit Eases DIY Renovations
During COVID-19



Whole-Home Organization Consultations
Tailored Living Offers Virtual Consultations During COVID-19



E-Design Consultations
Meagan Camp is Adjusting to COVID-19 Disruptions with

Meagan Camp is Adjusting to COVID-19 Disruptions with Zoom Consultations

Popularity

Activity Freshness















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### Mixed-Reality 5G



### Brands are experimenting with AI, VR & AR tech in the 5G platform

**Trend** - As artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and augmented reality are rapidly progressing, the 4G network struggles to meet bandwidth requirements. If VR and AR applications continue to evolve, developers will require a more substantial network that is faster, consistent and has lower latency. As 5G connectivity is expected to deliver these elements, companies are beginning to test the potential of mixed-reality tech in this environment.

**Insight** - Millenials and Gen Z are excited about the innovations that are ahead and mixed-reality tech has been a pivotal point for them as it has provided opportunities for new forms of entertainment through interactivity. As time progresses, users expect better service and new developments. The 4G platform, however, has limited processing capabilities and as more users flood the platform, that becomes an issue. Because of this, users are interested in what 5G connectivity has to offer to enable the next stages of VR, AI, and AR.



### **5G-Powered AR Experiences**

The Adult Swim Festival Lets Fans Appear in a Personalized Animation



Hyper-Realistic VR Experiences

Elisa Has Claimed to Have Created the Most Realistic VR Yet



#### 5G-Powered Entertainment

SK Telecom Pioneers AR, VR, and AI in the 5G Environment



#### **Social Media Network Partnerships**

Verizon's 5G Phones Will Have Snapchat Already on the Device

**5.5** Score

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Artificial Intelligence

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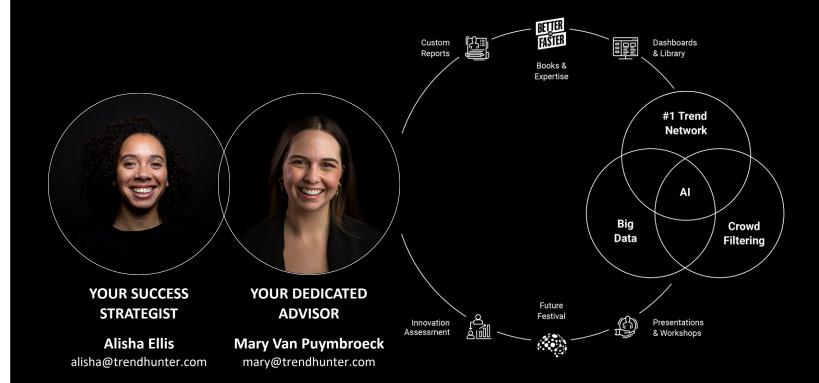


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### Get More From Your Experience

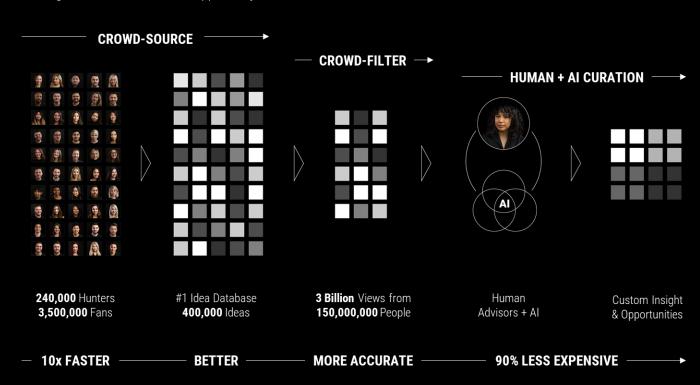
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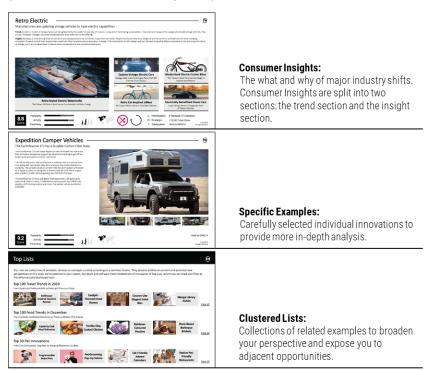
0	Acceleration  1. Perfecting One Thing 2. Aspirational Icon 3. Exaggerated Feature 4. Reimagined Solution	89	Prosumerism From user-generated content to maker culture, today's consumers are content creators and experts.	υ	Cyclicality  1. Retro+Nostalgia 2. Generational 3. Economic+Seasonal 4. Repetitive Cycles		Nostalgia Fond memories fuel a desire to bring the past into the present, especially with respect to one's formative years.
5	Catalyzation Brands have taken a role of accelerating the personal development of consumers.		Al We are entering a transformative new era, denoted by an exponential growth in data, robotics and intelligence.	<b>\$</b>	Naturality The desire for sustainable products, including local, organic, recyclable and pronounceable ingredients.		Youthfulness The world is becoming more playful, driven by generations not ready to grow up, including Boomers who desire a more active, enriched life.
$\odot$	Reduction  1. Specialization 2. Fewer Layers+ Efficiency 3. Crowdsourcing 4. Subscription		Instant Entrepreneurship New services make it easier than ever to conceptualize, fund, launch and companies.	$\odot$	Redirection  1. Refocusing 2. Reversing 3. Surprising 4. Gamifyling	<b>®</b>	Tribalism Allegiant groups are more readily formed around specific interests, causes and even brands.
<b></b>	Curation Hyper-targeted offerings, services, subscriptions and recommendations to simplify lives with better things.	()	Simplicity In a fast-paced, cluttered world, simplicity stands out, resulting in focused businesses & clean design.	8	Gamification The application of game dynamics to real-world problems results in a world that's more competitive and engaging.		Experience In a world abundant with 'stuff' experience becomes a more important currency and life priority.
(3)	Convergence 1. Combining+Layering 2. Adding Value 3. Co-Branding+Aligning 4. Physical+Digital		Multisensation Tech, AR, VR and interactive experiences are raising our expectations in the realms of entertainment, retail and even food.	8	Divergence  1. Personalization, Customization 2. Status + Belonging 3. Style + Fashionizing 4. Generational Rebellion		Authenticity Social media and a resistance to traditional advertising have created a desire for authenticity and reality.
	Co-Creation Brands, products, services and consumers are increasingly co-creating an interdependent world.	中		8	Personalization Small batch production technologies and more personalized media are creating an expectation for personalization.	£\$	Many-to-Many A mass proliferation of sellers and media creators has shifted the world to a many-to-many economy.

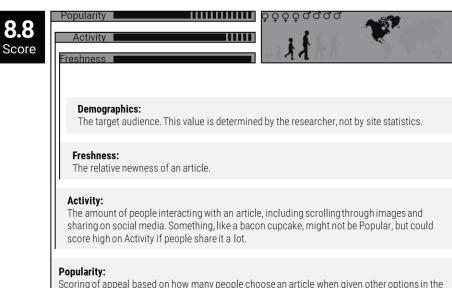
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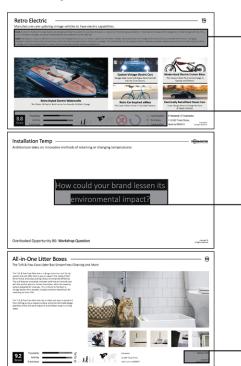
Activity and Freshness.

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## How to Read This Page

Consumer Insights are high-level, over-arching patterns that often span different industries in scope. They focus on external and internal consumer factors that are motivating trends.



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This section identifies a new opportunity in a given industry.

#### Insight:

This section explores the specific target consumer's motivations, attitudes, beliefs and ultimately tension behind that opportunity.

### Demographics & Scoring:

The demographics speak to the target audience, as informed by the researcher, not by the site statistics. The overall score is the average of the following: popularity, activity and freshness.

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Understand the Consumer Insight within the context of the 18 Megatrends that are shaping the world, plus the 6 Patterns of Opportunity that help short-cut your discovery of innovative ideas.

### **Workshop Question:**

These questions are intended to be thought-provokers to help you brainstorm (either individually or in groups) about the relevancy or actionability of these insights.

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