

Background

Saudi Arabia has embarked on a new, transformational era of growth led by Vision 2030 (stamped by Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman) to modernize and move the country forward, with one of the key announcements in 2017 being the lift of a 35-year ban on cinemas.

With several multiplexes already set up across key cities in Saudi Arabia, and many more in the pipeline over the next 5 to 10 years, cinema as a form of entertainment has been received with great excitement and is in great demand across the Kingdom.

The opening of cinemas at an exponential rate has also paved the way for cinema advertising, with industry leaders claiming that the medium has the potential to cut through neutrality, creating positive impact on recall, perception and comprehension of advertisements.



Cinema Trends in KSA



Executive Summary

In order to evaluate the role of cinema advertising as part of the total cinema experience in Saudi Arabia, **Motivate Val Morgan** - market leader in cinema advertising across the Middle East, commissioned **Ipsos** - global market and opinion research specialist, to conduct a quantitative research study.

The report, Cinemas in KSA – Audience Profile, Preferences and Perception of Advertising, examines the following:

- Cinema audience viewing habits and preferences
- Cinema as a medium for advertising: impact, recall and how it compares to other forms of advertising

The key objective of the study was to determine the value of adding cinema advertising to an advertiser's media mix.



Methodology

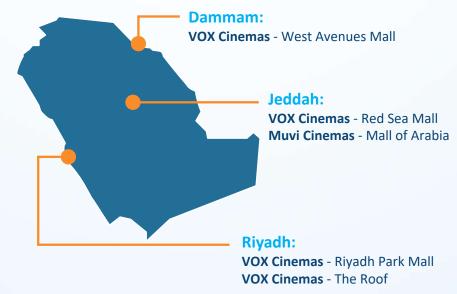


Sample Size: 530 (At least 100 at each cinema location)



Face to Face Exit Interviews using Tablets

Those above the age of 15 years, who watched any movie alongside the release of '*Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*' at the following cinema locations:





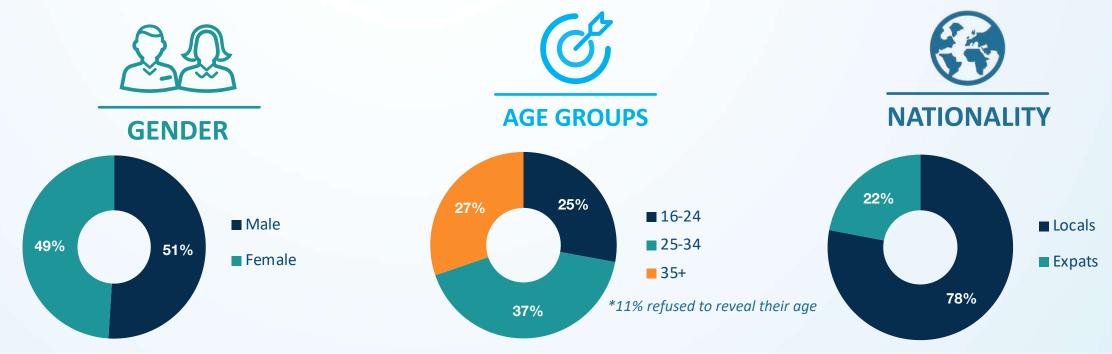
Questionnaire Administration Time: **10 to 15 minutes**



Survey Conducted: **December 2019**



Demographic Profile (1/2)



| Sample Achievement (Location wise) | Total | Gender | | Age Split | | | | Nationality | |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| | | Male | Female | 16 – 24 | 25- 34 | 35+ | Refused | Locals | Expats |
| Riyadh Park Mall (Riyadh) | 108 | 57 | 51 | 48 | 39 | 17 | 4 | 80 | 28 |
| The Roof (Riyadh) | 100 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 24 | 41 | 10 | 80 | 20 |
| West Avenue Mall (Dammam) | 106 | 56 | 50 | 16 | 34 | 13 | 43 | 86 | 20 |
| Red Sea Mall (Jeddah) | 106 | 49 | 57 | 24 | 51 | 31 | 0 | 82 | 24 |
| Mall of Arabia (Jeddah) | 110 | 56 | 54 | 19 | 50 | 41 | 0 | 86 | 24 |
| Total Sample | 530 | 268 | 262 | 132 | 198 | 143 | 57 | 414 | 116 |



Demographic Profile (2/2)







TOTAL INCOME IN HH

| Below 2000 SR | 1% |
|---------------------|-----|
| 2001 SR – 4000 SR | 2% |
| 4001 SR – 6000 SR | 6% |
| 6001 SR – 8000 SR | 13% |
| 8001 SR – 10000 SR | 20% |
| 10001 SR – 12000 SR | 14% |
| 12001 SR – 14000 SR | 13% |
| 14001 SR – 16000 SR | 12% |
| 16001 SR – 18000 SR | 5% |
| 18001 SR – 20000 SR | 2% |
| Above 20001 SR | 2% |
| Refused/Don't Know | 10% |

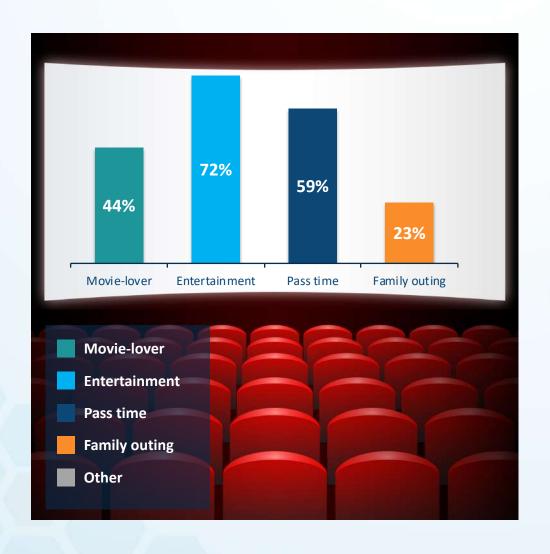


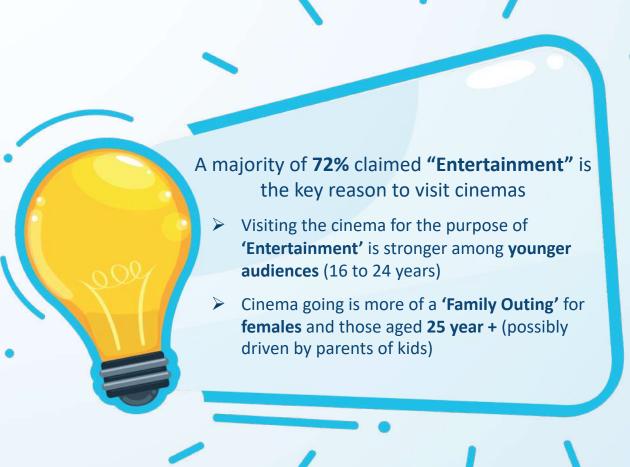
Excitement on Cinemas Opening in KSA





Reasons to Visit Cinema







Cinema Accompaniment



1%



4%



Spouse

6%



Going with **friends** and **family** to the cinema is the **popular preference**

- Being accompanied by friends is significantly higher among younger and middle age audiences (16-24 years)
- Family accompaniment is strong among female and those aged 25+
- There was no significant difference across locals and expats



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45%





Planning for Cinema



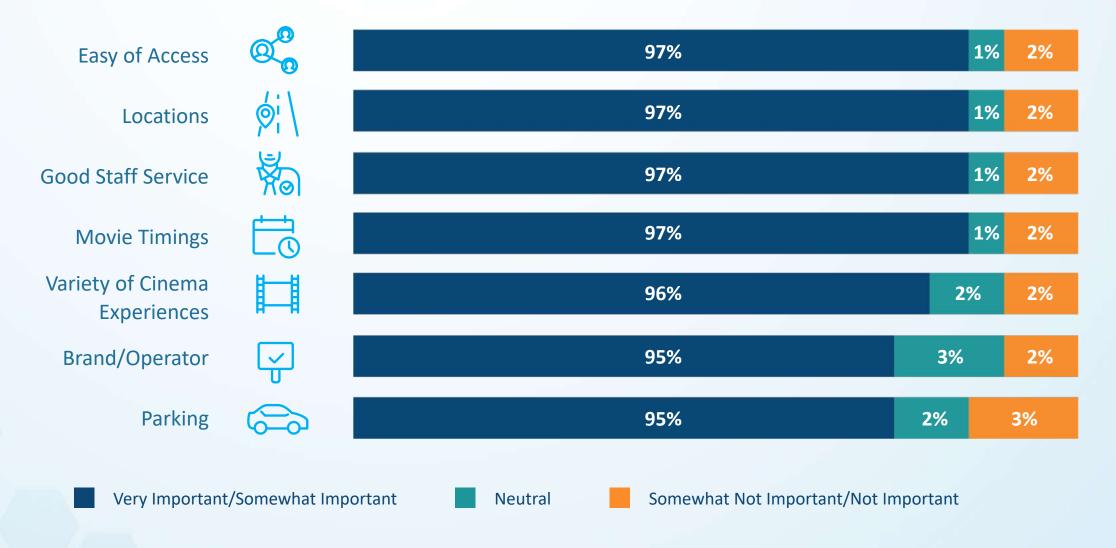


Cinema Experiences That Amaze – By City

| Riyadh | Dammam | Jeddah | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| THE ULTIMATE CINEMA EXPERIENCE | THE BIG CINEMA EXPERIENCE | THE ULTIMATE CINEMA EXPERIENCE | PERIENCE 32% | | | |
| THE BIG CINEMA EXPERIENCE | | THE ULTIMATE CINEMA EXPERIENCE | SCREEN X 31% | | | |
| THE ULTIMATE CINEMA EXPERIENCE | | VIP 26% | SUITES (| | | |
| VIP 2% | | THE LATIMATE CINEMA EXPERIENCE | junior 11% | | | |



Factors Considered When Choosing a Cinema





Time of Arrival at the Cinema



59%
10 to more than 15 mins before movie start time



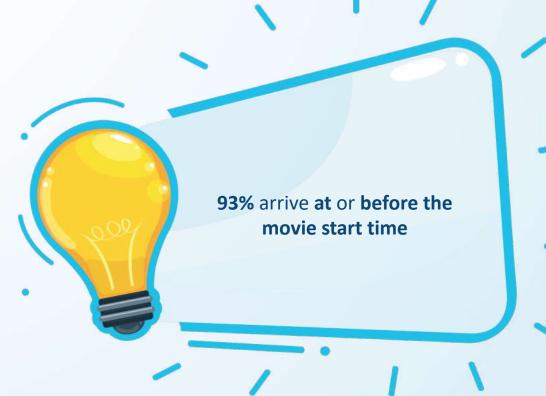
25%5 mins beforemovie start time



9%
Exactly at
movie start time



4%
5 mins after
movie start time

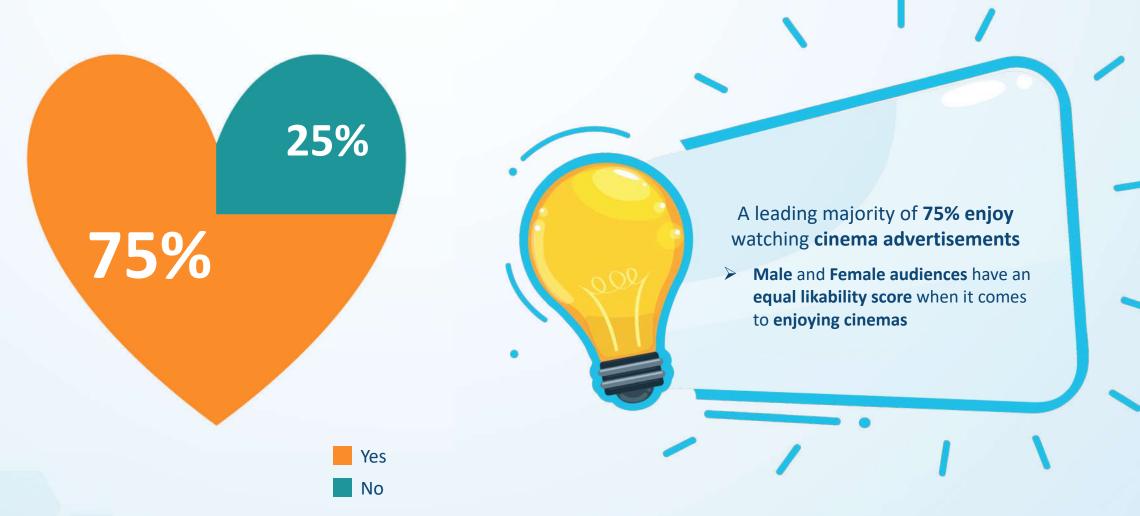




3%10 to more than 15 minsafter movie start time



Enjoy Watching Cinema Ads?





Cinema Ads - Part of the Total Movie Experience?

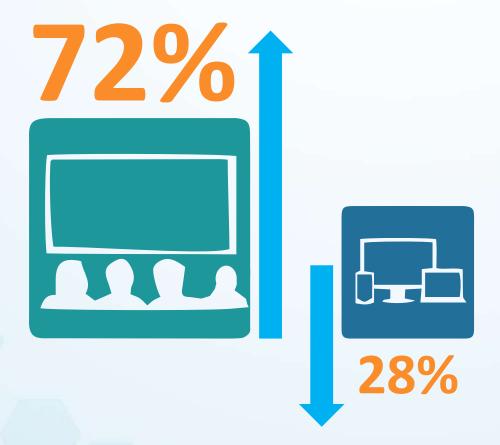




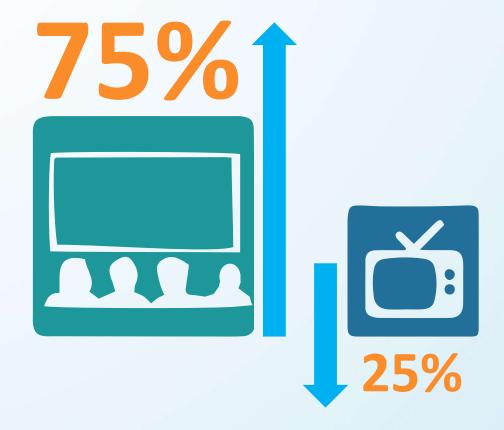


Cinema Ads - Impact

Cinema vs Digital

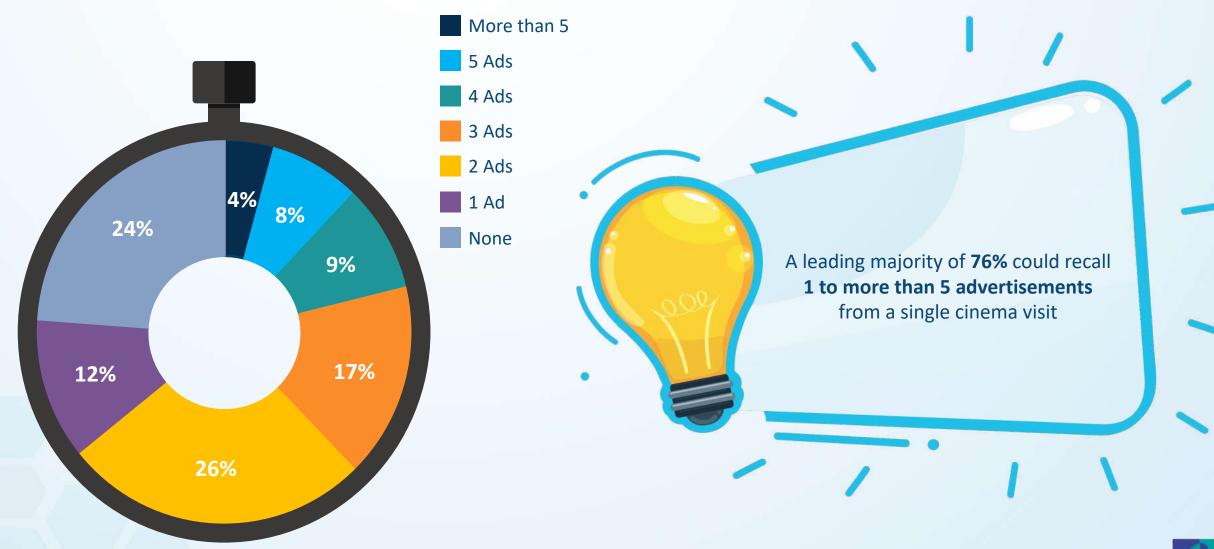


Cinema vs TV





Unprompted Cinema Ad Recall - Count





Unprompted Top Brands Recalled – All Locations



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Top Brands Recalled – Riyadh Park Mall

Total Awareness







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Top Brands Recalled – The Roof

Total Awareness











Top Brands Recalled – West Avenue Mall

Total Awareness











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Top Brands Recalled – VOX Red Sea Mall

Total Awareness



Galaxy

















Top Brands Recalled – Muvi Mall of Arabia

Total Awareness



Galaxy

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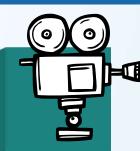




Key Findings (1/2)

78%

Feel excited about the launch of cinemas in KSA



93%

Arrive at the cinema before or by the movie start time



75%

Enjoy watching cinema ads



78%

Believe advertisements are part of the total cinema experience



Key Findings (2/2)

Consider cinema ads to be more impactful than digital ads Consider cinema ads are more impactful than TV ads Recall 1 to more than 5 cinema ads from a 76% cinema visit

Takeaways for Advertisers

There is presently great demand for cinema in KSA. Based on our findings, cinema operators will not have a problem in attracting crowds to their existing and upcoming locations over the next couple of years.

Cinema advertising is also well received in KSA. With cinema's unique ability to deeply engage with a captive and attentive audience in a unique environment - creating positive impact on recall, perception and comprehension of advertisements, there is a significant opportunity for brands to connect and engage with potential consumers in KSA like never before.

Given the overall findings from our research, we suggest the following to advertisers:

Cinema advertising is the new growth medium in KSA. Make cinema advertising an integral part of your brand's broader media mix for greater campaign impact.

Each cinema operator offers unique cinema experiences which are in demand. For greater campaign effectiveness, choose a mix of locations

Effective on-screen cinema advertising requires a slightly different approach to Digital and TV ads. Aim for running longer duration cinema ads over a lengthier time frame with more story-telling to make them more memorable

Take an integrated approach by combining off-screen with on-screen advertising for greater brand recall



