## Nextatlas Future In Sight.

TREND CONFIRMATIONS & PREDICTIONS FOR 2022





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## Introduction

### Year End Review & New Year's Forecast

After this intense year, it's once again that time of year: time to evaluate what has happened in 2021 and project into the new year that is arriving, its promises and its outlook.

For this year's Nextatlas' Annual Report we have reviewed a few of our trends, decoded their evolution, and confirmed some of last year's predictions. It was also an opportunity to think about the future, interpret signals, and discover – thanks to our 600K tracked tags, 1000hr machine time, and more than 2000 weak signals identified this year — what will be the trends that define the next year.

This report contains a selection of trends early-detected by our AI over the past few years, which found their peak of popularity and became mainstream after we spotted them.

You will also find our newest bets for you: a collection of emerging trends that will dominate the future of different industries, markets, and consumer interests as well as our recommendations on how to act on them.

Discover what this new year can bring to your business and your consumers through Nextatlas and the power of data.



## **Giant leaps** forward.

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Accuracy of predictions

## 600K

Tracked Tags

## +2,5M

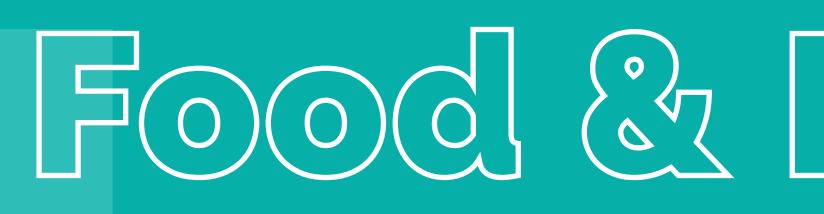
**New Posts** Analyzed/Week

## 300K

Industry specific Innovators

**OUR SOURCES** 





## **From Passive Consumer to Change-Makers:** The Evolution of Sustainable & Ethical Consumption

Sustainability has become the biggest and most challenging topic that brands have been addressing over the last couple of years, especially in the Food & Beverage sector.

So, what is going to be the next big thing? Social Responsibility and Food Activism: As the pandemic highlighted the many complexities of the food system, going beyond the environmental concerns has become an inevitable path.

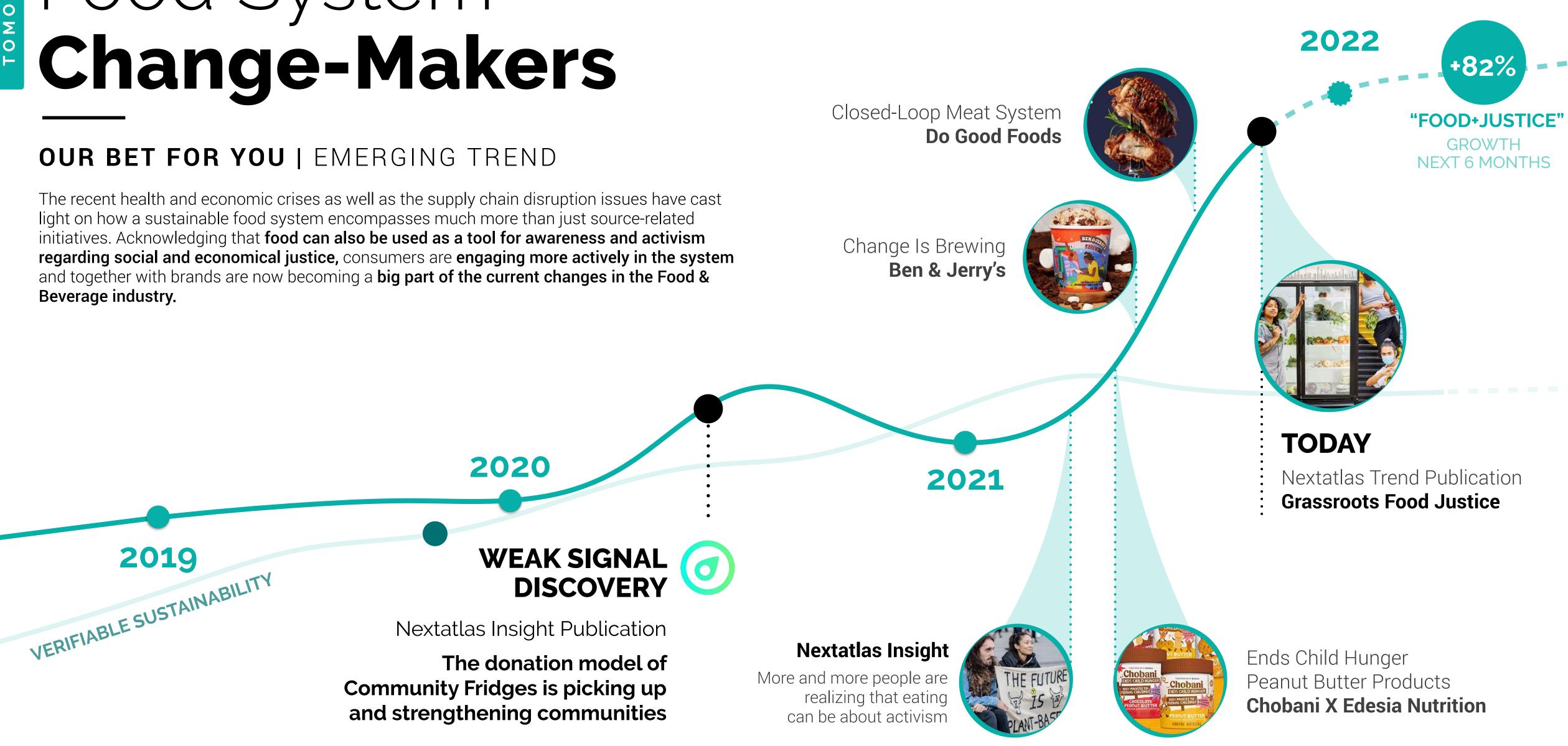


## Food & Beverage

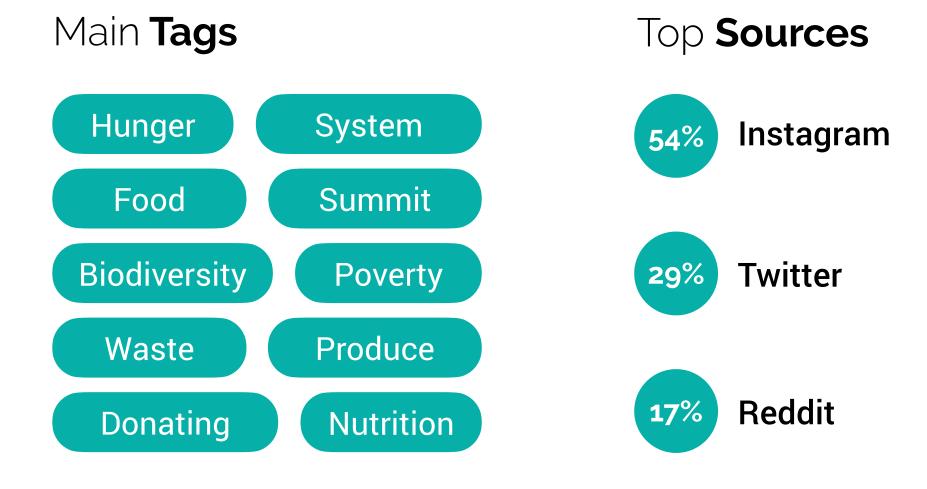
## Verifiable Sustainability



## Food System Change-Makers



## Food System Change-Makers: Behind the Data



## Eco-conscious & Activists (!)

According to our data, this new **proactive approach** to food consumption **encompasses** many different topics that surround the food system, from hunger and food security to food waste and biodiversity matters. That is the reason why, eco-conscious people and civil rights activists are at the top of the most engaging target groups. They mainly use Instagram, Twitter and Reddit to bring more awareness to the topics as well as to promote good initiatives that address their main concerns.



### Emerging Targets

VALUES

Ecoconscious

**Civil Rights Activists** 

Experimenters













## **Food System Change-Makers: Brand Cases**

## Chicken tastes better when it's changing the world.

It's more than great-tasting chicken. It's a delicious way to fight food waste and combat climate change.

## Introducing Chobani<sup>™</sup> Ends Child Hunger

The Chobani Ends Child Hunger Peanut Butter products have been created in partnership with Edesia Nutrition. The products consist of a delicious snack alongside a series of flavored peanut butter treats that can be provided to infants as a safe option to introduce them to peanuts. The profits from the sale of the products will be donated in full to Edesia Nutrition to produce Plumpy'Nut: a fortified peanut butter that is shipped around the world to help nourish children suffering from acute malnutrition.



https://www.chobani.com

### **Do Good Foods Closes the Loop of Meat System**

Do Good Foods has developed a closed-loop system to convert produce and meats that cannot be sold in grocery stores or used by food banks into nutrient-dense animal feed. Each package of Do Good Chicken will keep 1 pound of food waste from being wasted, according to a website the company set up to promote the product. Do Good Foods is launching its business as grocery chains step up their focus on sustainability and look for ways to cut food waste.

https://www.fooddive.com



## Food System Change-Makers: Brand Cases

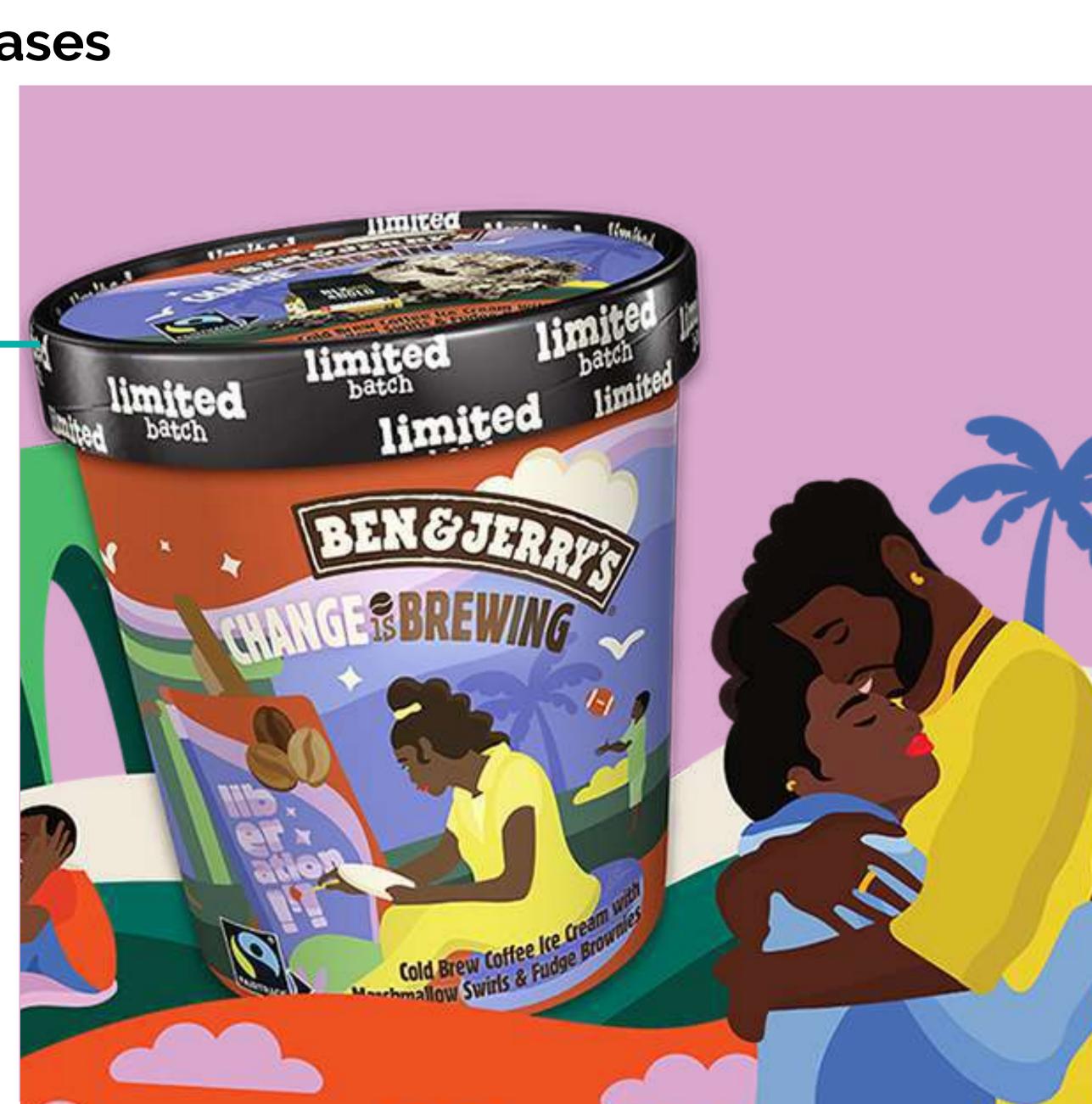
### Change Is Brewing By Ben & Jerry's

The Ben & Jerry's Change Is Brewing ice cream is one of the offering from the brand as part of its Limited Batch lineup that will provide consumers with a tasty frozen treat that's also focused on social good.

The ice cream gets its rich coffee flavor thanks to BLK & Bold, which is the first Black-owned and nationally distributed coffee company that gives 5% of its profits to youth support initiatives. The fudge brownies in the ice cream are supplied by longtime partner and values-led partner Greyston Bakery, while the branding is the work go multidisciplinary artist Laci Jordan.

https://www.benjerry.com





**Insights to Action** 

## Embracing Responsibility

Food is not just about what we eat anymore; it is now a tool for social and environmental change both for consumers and companies.

Brands need to acknowledge that in order to create a better and more fair planet for the future they cannot limit their efforts exclusively to environmental issues.

Addressing social responsibility and ethical matters — both internally and externally — is essential for brands to be perceived as credible and to engage with the growing consumer base that wants to support the planet and the people in their choices.





## BERULY & COSMELICS

## **Breaking Taboos:** Where are Beauty's New Cutting-edge Frontiers?

In 2018, we spotted the emerging behaviors that pointed out how female consumers were interested in addressing their most delicate subjects in health and wellness. What we envision as the next out-of-bound topic to be explored? Self-Image Enhancement: The same social media platforms that have helped us create an idealized image of ourselves are now demystifying and encouraging the culture of plastic surgery and micro cosmetic procedures.



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## The New Age of Femtech

### WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW | MAINSTREAM TREND

In 2018, we spotted a weak signal showing how the Health and Tech sector – previously dominated by men and targeted at them —were slowly focusing on women's healthcare by putting women in control of their own health.

Over the past couple of years, this women-first approach has been spreading through different industries, influencing a vast range of new products, especially in the Beauty industry, that are addressing some topics that until recently were considered delicate and unconventional such as periods, fertility, menopause, and sexual wellness.

### **Nextatlas Insight**

Sexual wellness and Sextech have become a dominating topic within the broader wellness industry

2019



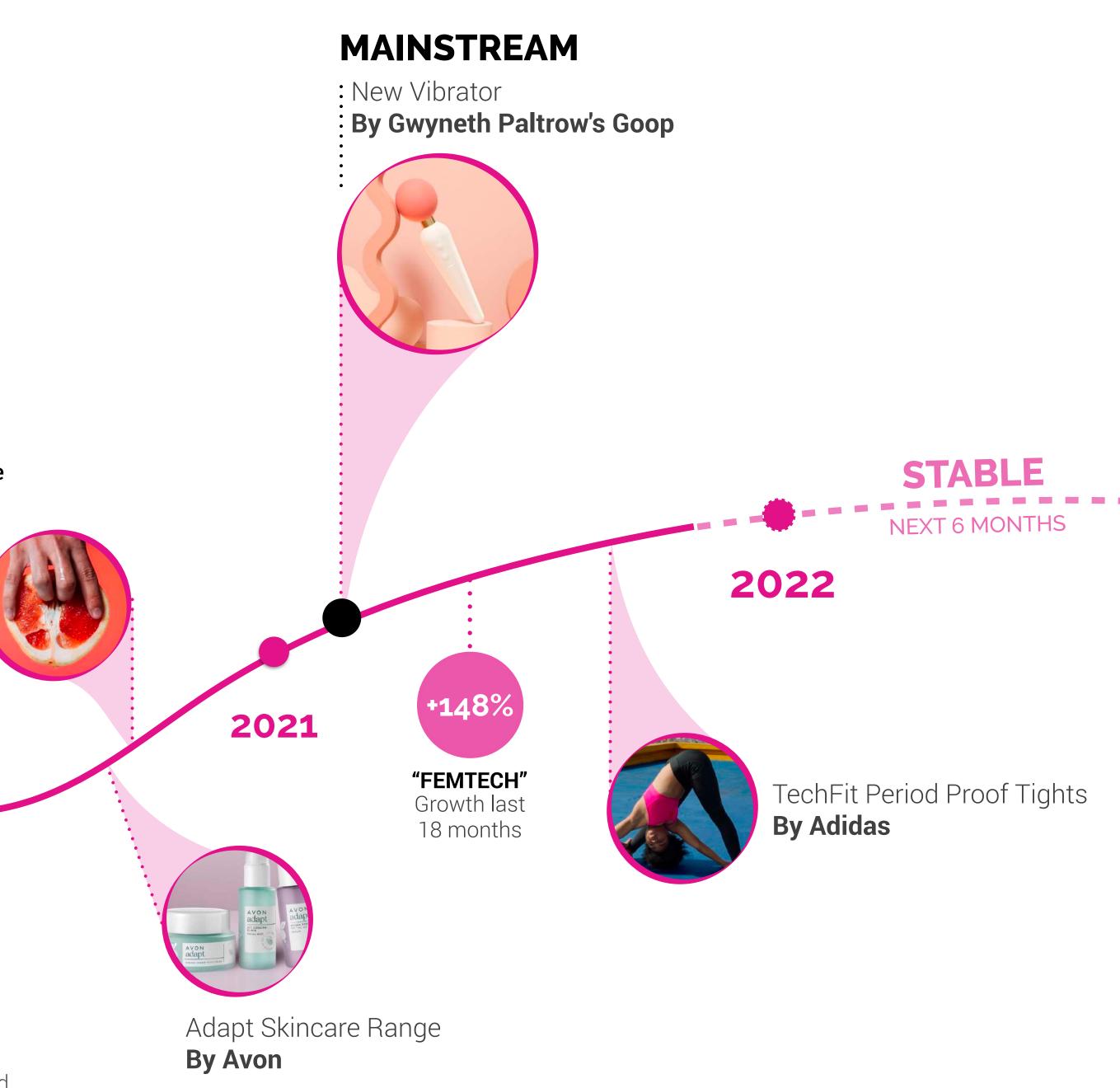
Nextatlas Trend Publication Fertile Femtech

2020



Nextatlas Insight

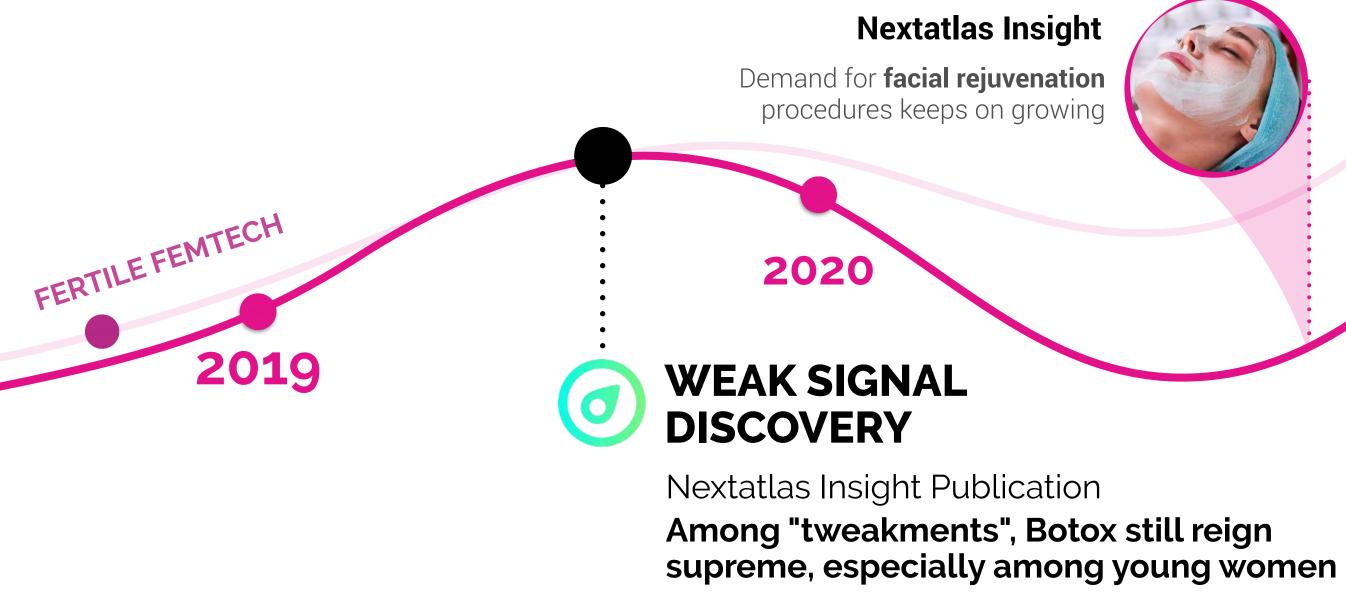
**Menopause** is beauty and femtech's next big business



## Self-Image Enhancement

### **OUR BET FOR YOU |** EMERGING TREND

Similar to what has happened to The New Age of Femtech, other beauty-related sensitive subjects are starting to be addressed and rethought. **Due to the endless hours spent on** video-calls and on image and video-based social media, beauty lovers are more and more interested in micro non-invasive procedures performed to correct their perceived flaws and are not self-conscious in regards to talking about it anymore. The growing popularity of tweakments on social media posts is finally demystifying and reducing the stigma often associated with plastic surgery.



TODAY Nextatlas Trend **Cosmetic Self-Obsession** 

Natural Botox Replacement **By DCP Hemigal** 

2021

"MICRO + PROCEDURES" **GROWTH NEXT 6 MONTHS** 



2022

'Face ID Guarantee" By Mallucci London



### Nextatlas Insight

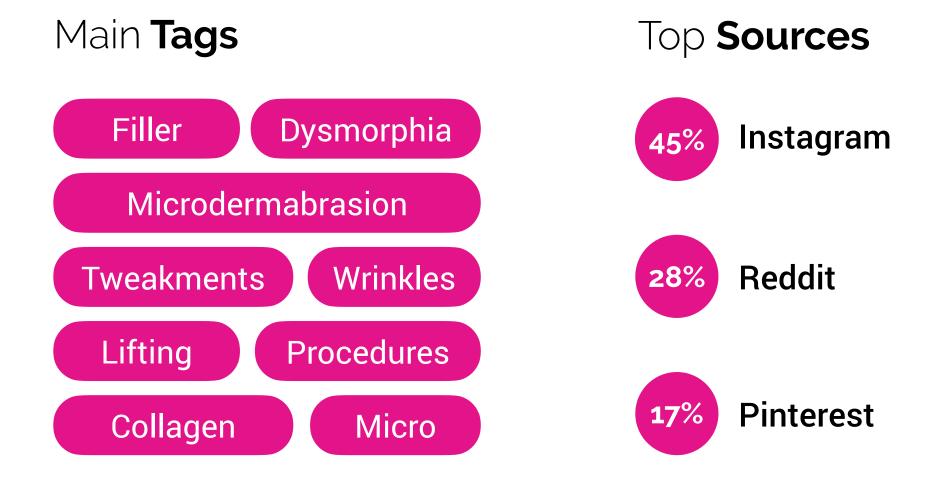
Body dysmorphia, the social media driven pressure to keep a certain type of physical appearance, is a rising concern



Instant Gratification Dermaplaning Tool **By Versed** 

# +34%

## **Self-Image Enhancement: Behind the Data**



## Young and Flawless (!)

According to our data, the desire to achieve the idealized images of ourselves boosted by posting filtered selfies is most frequently related to women from the youngest analyzed generation, Gen Z. They engage with the topic mostly on Instagram and on Reddit, where they gather information and speak more openly about the different procedures and treatments - such as face lifting, lip fillers and collagen injections.



### Emerging Targets

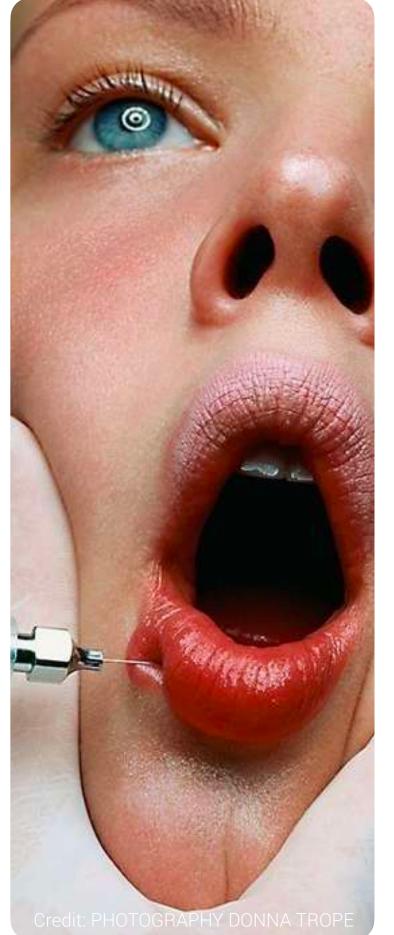
DEMOGRAPHICS

Gen Z

### Millennials

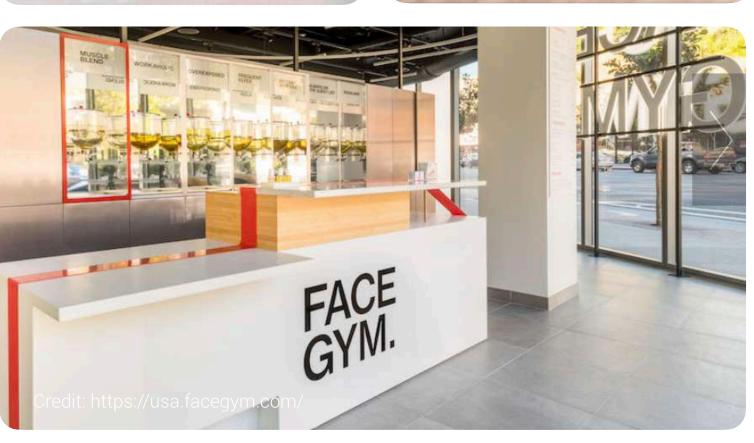
GENDER IDENTITY

Female/Feminine









## Self-Image Enhancement: Brand Cases

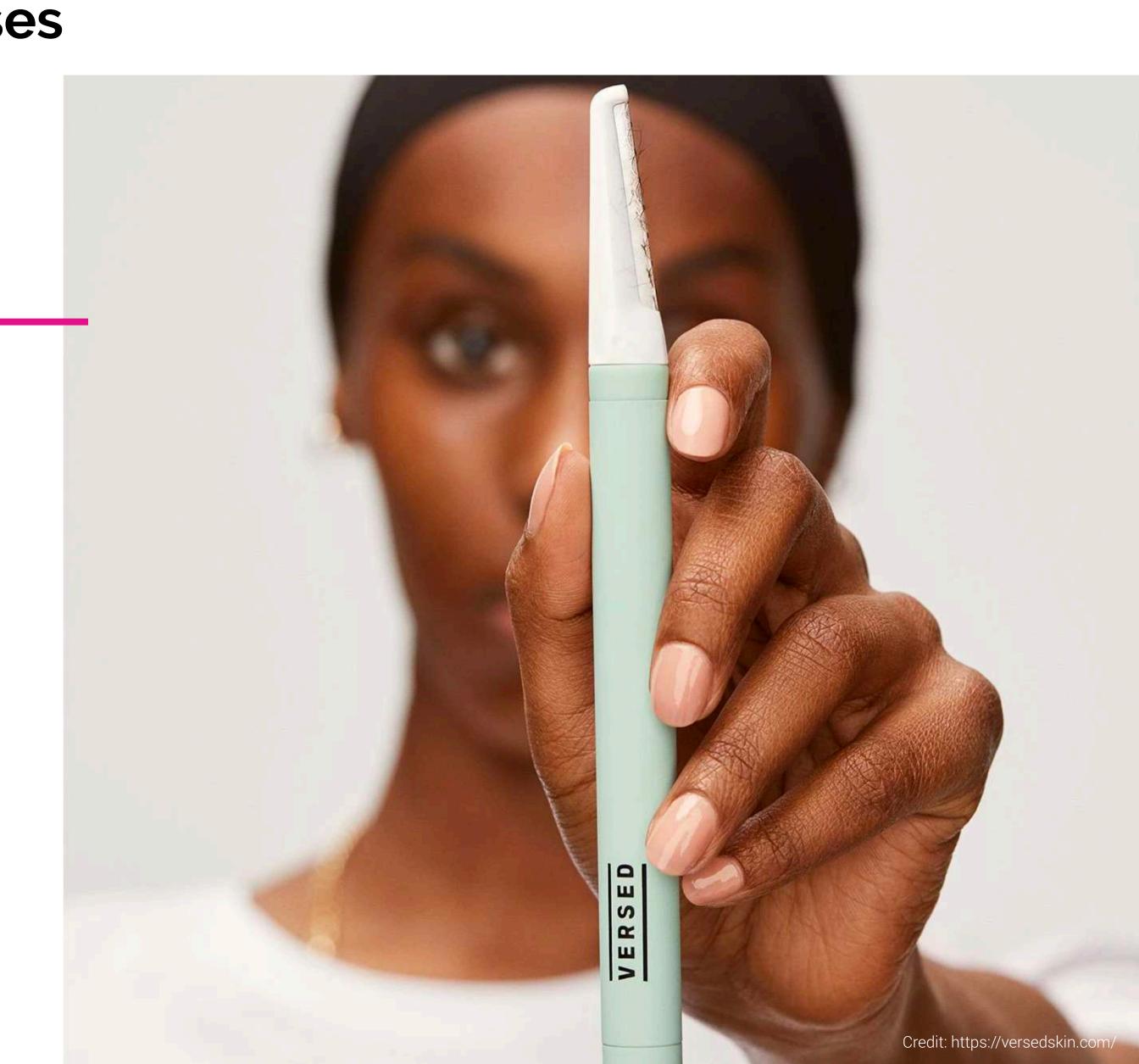
### Instant Gratification Dermaplaning Tool

In May 2021, clean skincare brand Versed took to Instagram to tease their newest product. Featuring several slides of satisfying scraping videos, the social media post had fans of the brand excitingly trying to guess what could be coming next. Well, all has been revealed and Versed has officially launched Instant Gratification, an at-home dermaplaning tool that removes dead skin and facial hair for a smoother looking complexion.

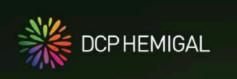
Offering professional-grade exfoliation, Instant Gratification will produce smooth, fuzz-free skin in just one swipe.

https://www.thetease.com





## **Self-Image Enhancement: Brand Cases**



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**DCP HEMIGAL** 

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD OF FINE COSMETICS AND GOOD CARE

Credit: hdcp-hemigal.rs

### 'Face ID Guarantee' by Mallucci London

Aesthetic clinic Mallucci London has introduced a 'Face ID Guarantee' on a number of their treatment offerings. The guarantee is a promise to clients that they will only see subtly enhanced results after their appointment, as opposed to overly dramatic changes, that would cause glitches with phones' facial recognition technology. "Excessive use of fillers and Botox caused significant changes to people's faces, that in some cases, they are no longer recognisable," explains Dr Jana Vogt, plastic surgeon at Mallucci London.



https://www.glamourmagazine.co.uk

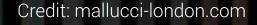
### **DCP Hemigal Discovery : Natural Botox Replacement**

The Serbian cosmetic company, DCP Hemigal, believes to have found an all-natural and non-invasive alternative to botox. The company's scientists have conducted a study that has concluded that a natural flowering herb known as acmella oleracea is a strong potential alternative to botox.

The company found that the plant's main molecule, N-alkylamide spilanthol, is a powerful agent in firming the skin and reducing the appearance of wrinkles.

https://www.cosmeticsdesign.com





LONDON



**Insights to Action** 

## Tackling New Beauty Taboos

Diversity, inclusivity and self-acceptance continue to change the game in the Beauty industry.

Exploring beauty lovers' openness about their self-image and their growing acceptance of cosmetic procedures is a great platform to develop products that help customers achieve a better version of them selves.

As beauty lovers are not self-conscious in talking about their body and image insecurities anymore, other delicate topics – such as BIPOC and transsexual-related issues – could emerge as the engaging subjects for beauty lovers.









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**Thinking Ahead and Being Prepared: The Transition From Seeking Solutions To A Future-proof Mindset** 

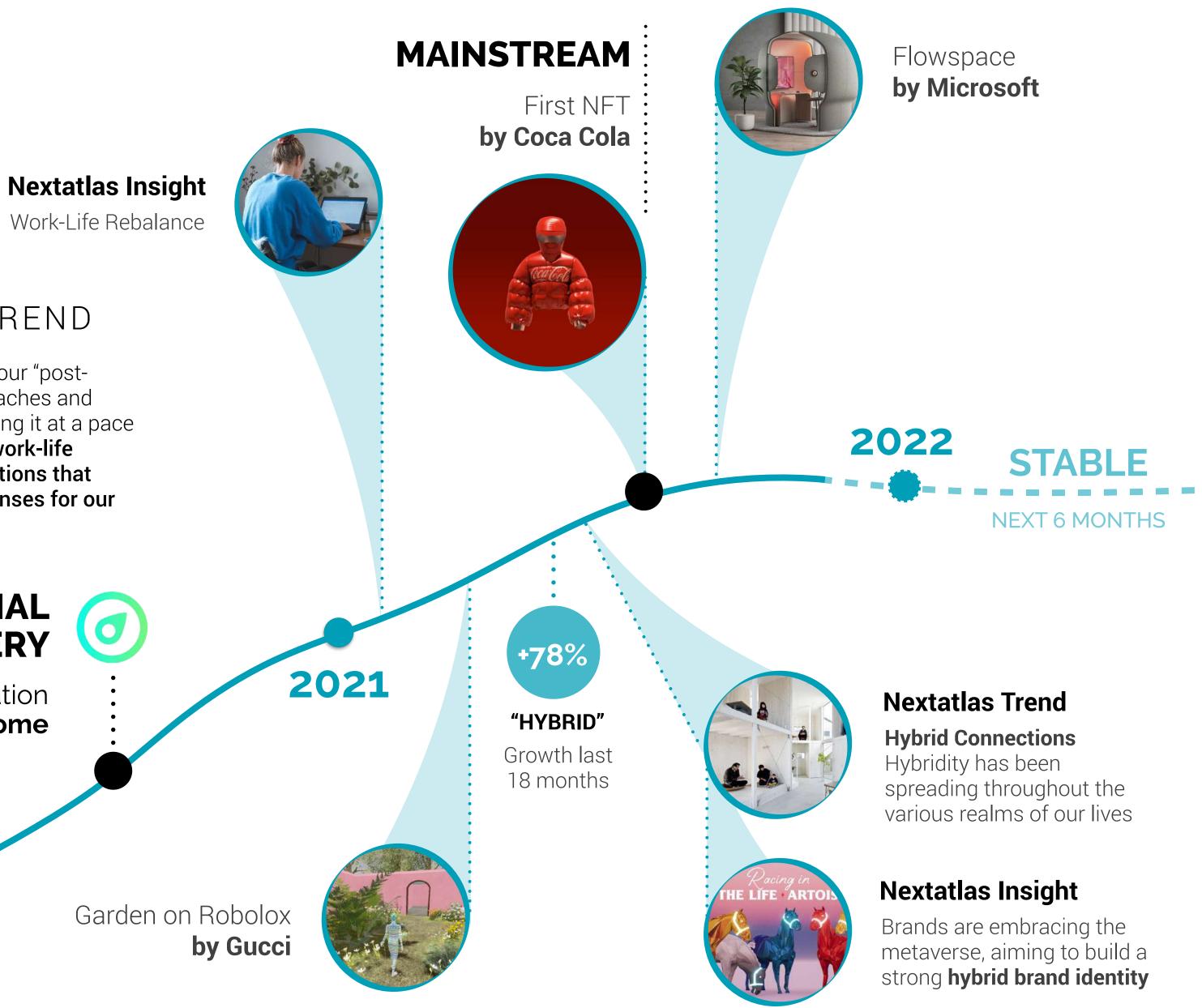
Over the past year and half, adaptability and hybridism have been adopted as a mindset thanks in big part to our routines being heavily affected by the pandemic. How will this mindset continue to grow in the pandemic's aftermath? A Future-Thinking Attitude is merging these mixed and dynamic approaches with a long-term mindset focused on preparing ourselves and the world around us for new unprecedented crises and upheavals.



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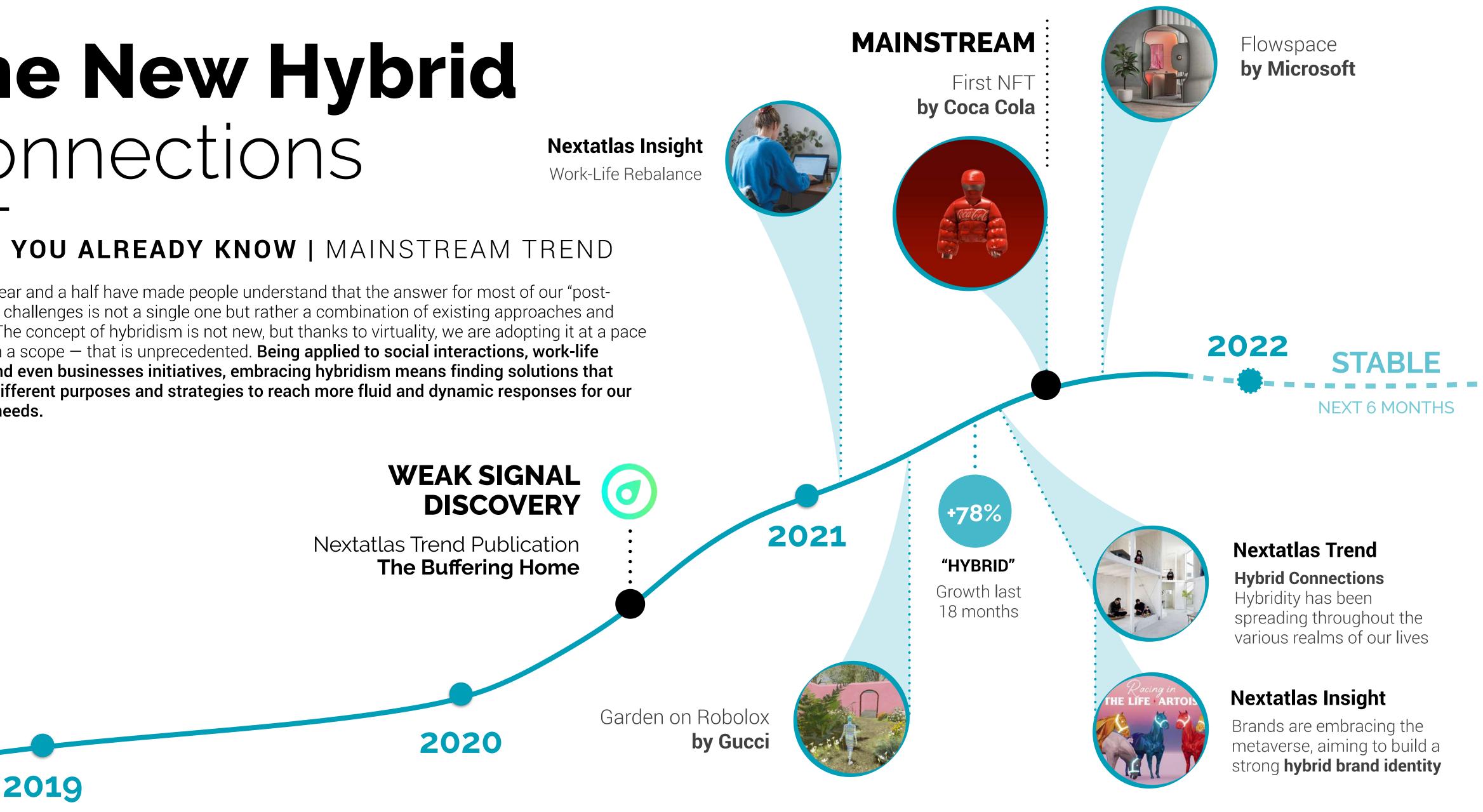


## The New Hybrid Connections



### WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW | MAINSTREAM TREND

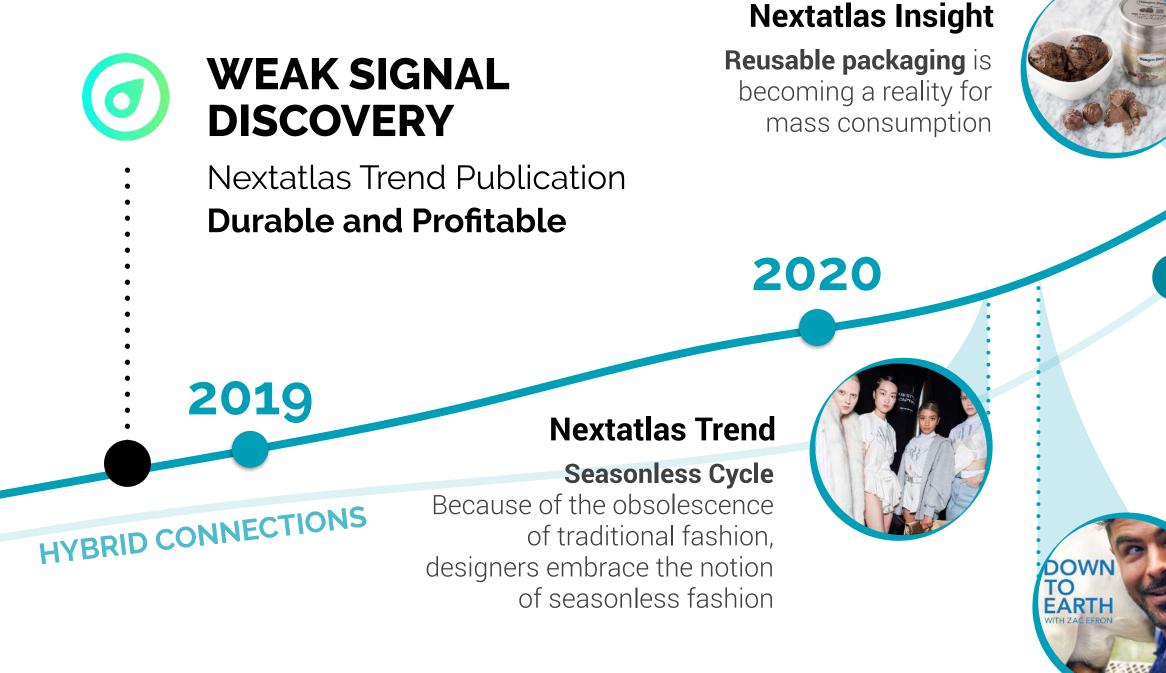
The past year and a half have made people understand that the answer for most of our "postpandemic" challenges is not a single one but rather a combination of existing approaches and practices. The concept of hybridism is not new, but thanks to virtuality, we are adopting it at a pace - and with a scope - that is unprecedented. Being applied to social interactions, work-life balance and even businesses initiatives, embracing hybridism means finding solutions that combine different purposes and strategies to reach more fluid and dynamic responses for our everyday needs.



## The Long Lasting Road

### **OUR BET FOR YOU |** EMERGING TREND

If adaptability and hybridism have been the immediate answers for the unprecedented situation we have recently experienced, the long term view is focused on planning and preparing ourselves for possible future crises. A more future-driven mindset is emerging in the pandemic's aftermath, where we rethink all our habits - from health and wellness to the consumption of goods. Instead of just remedying our unhealthy and unsustainable past behaviors, we are trying to reflect and address the aftermath and consequences at the principal point.



### **Nextatlas Insight**

The pursuit of wellbeing is now relying on diets of **Blue Zones**, communities with overall health and extreme life longevity





2022

Self Repair Program by Apple



### Nextatlas Insight

2021

The right to repair your own devices and vehicles is getting recognition in the name of longer lasting products

> Made to Remade by Adidas



"Blue Zones" on Down to Earth by Netflix





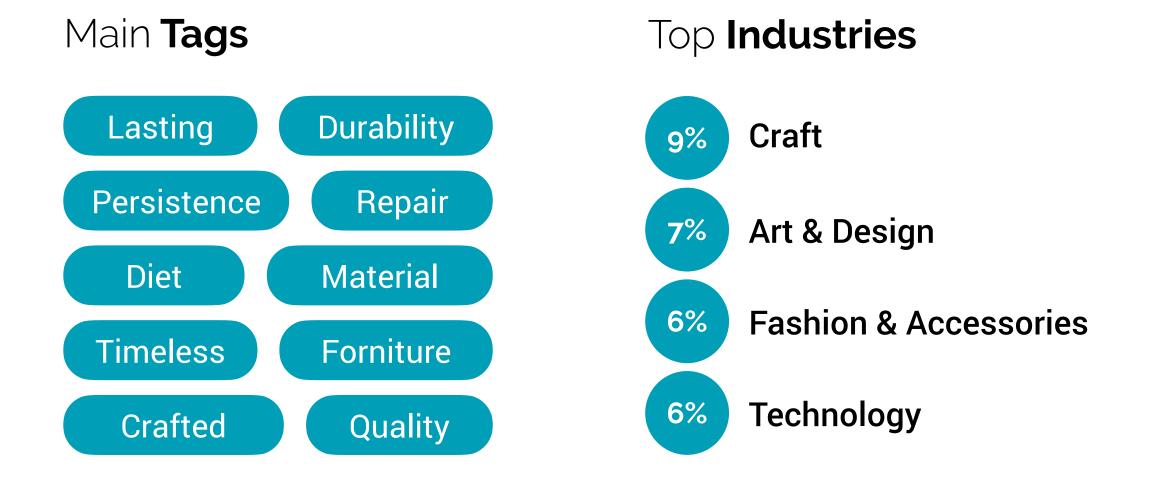
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Nextatlas Trend Longevity Moonshot





## The Long Lasting Road: Behind the Data



## Timeless & Cross-sectorial (!)

The desire for longevity is **not only related to life quality and health**, as the tags quality and diet highlight. **It also encompasses a sustainable aspect that now values products' durable materials, repairing features, and timeless aesthetic.** Therefore, it is an approach that is **spreading throughout different industries**—e.g. Craft, Art & Design, Fashion & Accessories, and Technology — as well as among **people with diverse values.** 



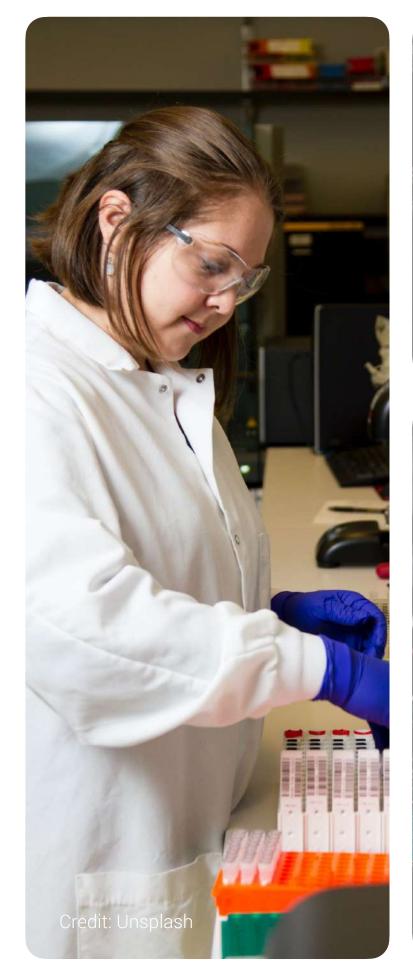
### Emerging Targets

VALUES

Ecoconscious

Experimenters

Spiritual









## The Long Lasting Road: Brand Cases



### "Blue Zones" on Down to Earth by Netflix

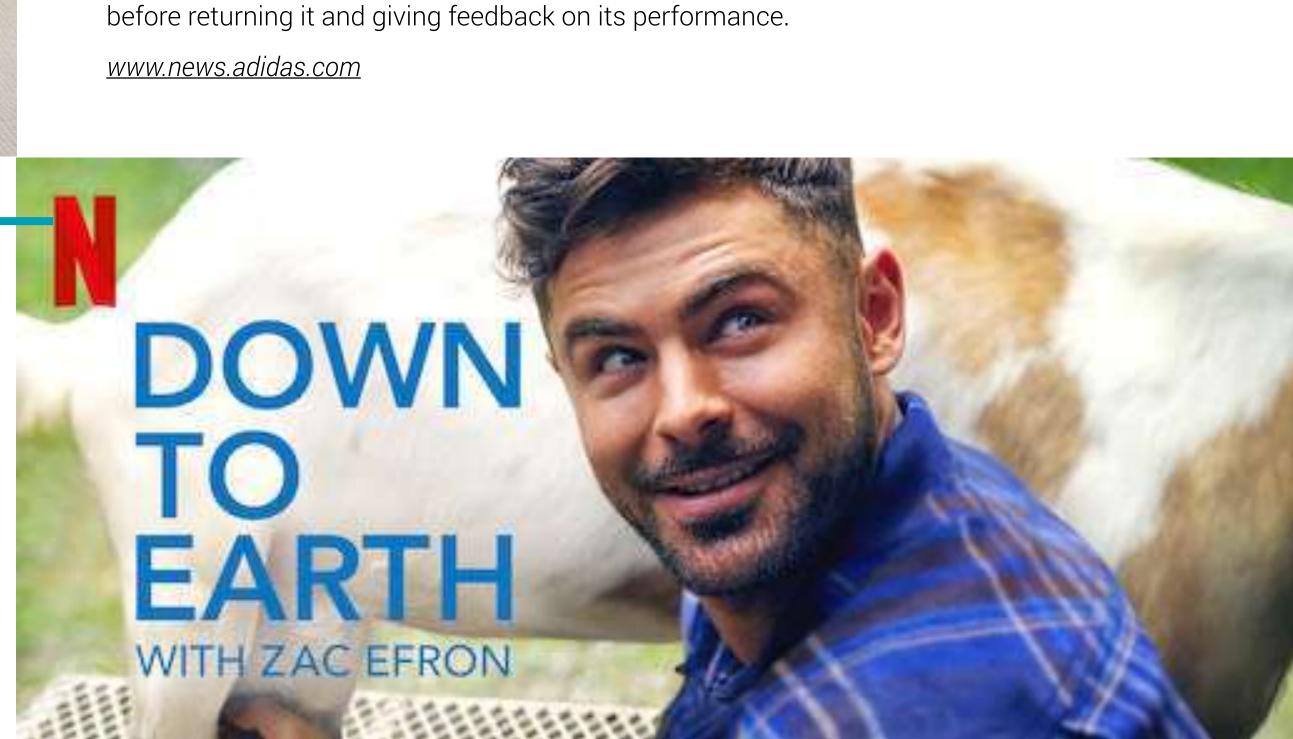
Sardinia is one of only five "Blue Zones" in the world which means that the residents often reach an age of 90 or older. There are many theories as to why Sardinians live such long lives, from their diet of beans and vegetables to the notion their lives are rooted in tradition because of their isolation from the rest of the world. Zac and Darin take a journey through Sardinia to get their own take on why everyone here lives so long.

www.downtoearth.com



### Made to Remade by Adidas

Now dubbed the UltraBoost "Made to be Remade," the sneaker will be the biggest step yet in Adidas' efforts to achieve a circular loop. Once the sneaker has reached the end of its lifespan, the wearer can return it to Adidas to be recycled and made into yet another shoe. A QR code appears prominently on the tongue to make the process of beginning the return simple. Last year, Adidas released 1,500 pairs of the recyclable UltraBoost as a pilot program. Those chosen were then instructed to wear the sneaker for 21 weeks



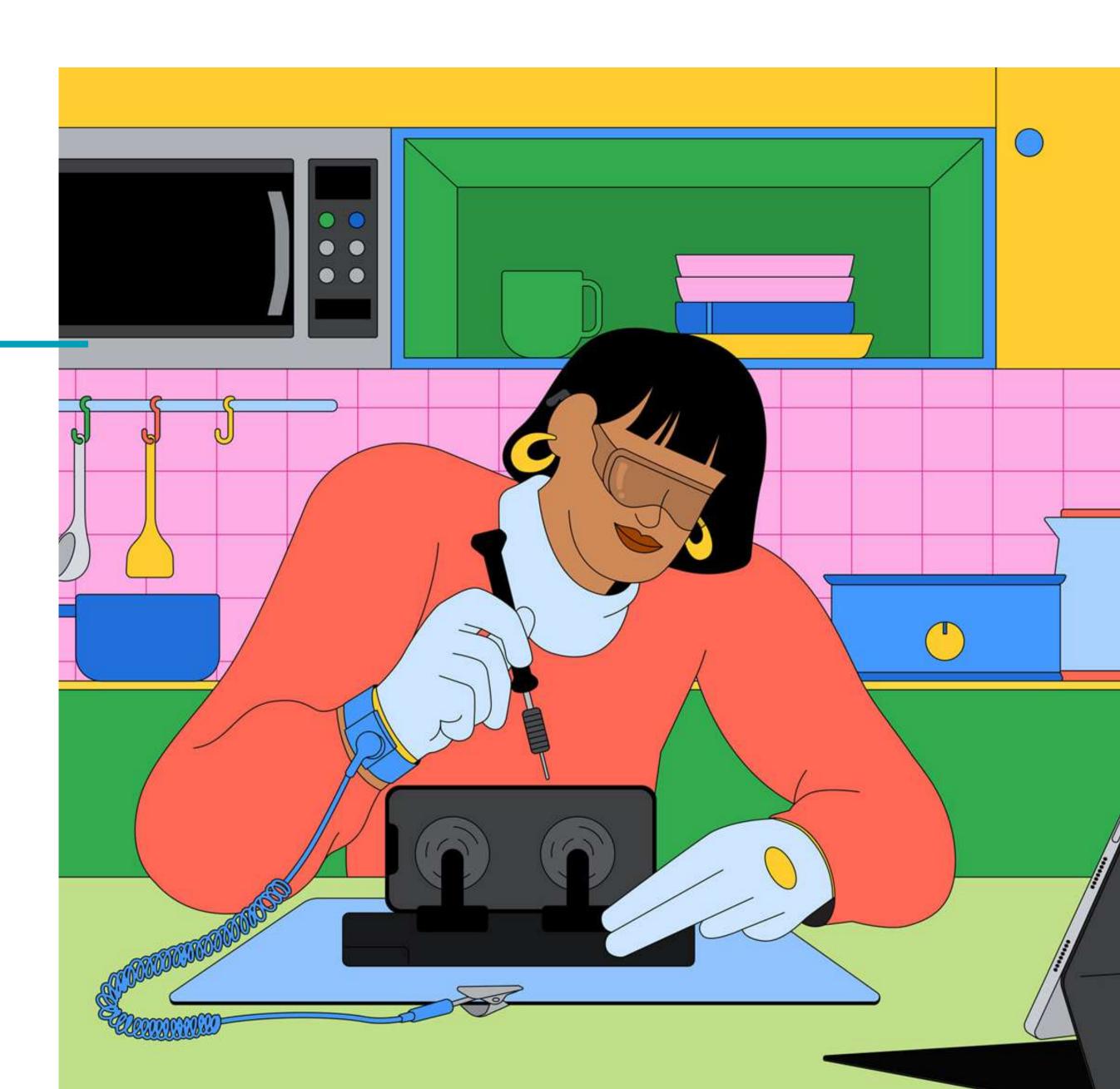
## The Long Lasting Road: Brand Cases

### Self Repair Program by Apple

Apple has announced Self Service Repair, which will allow customers who are comfortable with completing their own repairs access to genuine Apple parts and tools. Available first for the iPhone 12 and iPhone 13 lineups, and soon to be followed by Mac computers featuring M1 chips, Self Service Repair will be available early next year in the US and expand to additional countries throughout 2022. Customers join more than 5,000 Apple Authorized Service Providers (AASPs) and 2,800 Independent Repair Providers who have access to these parts, tools, and manuals.

https://www.apple.com





**Insights to Action** 

## Planning For The Afternath

Envisioning a more positive scenario in the pandemic's aftermath, a new future-thinking mindset is emerging.

In order to create a better future, businesses must be aware of how **people are growing more concerned with not only their health and longevity,** but also **their personal footprint** — they don't just remedy their past unsustainable mistakes but create a more long-lasting and healthier future scenario.

Products and services in this vein will need to reassure consumers' safety, protection, and health for today and for the uncertain and volatile future.



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**Decentralized & Hyperlocal:** How The Renewed Interest In The Local

The growing appreciation and support for small independent business and for the local economy were just the first steps of the major shift in the retail sector. How should big retailers tackle this new trend? Decentralized Selling Points: A more decentralized, independent, and hyper-local business model that brings convenience, a sense of community, and more sustainable and ethical initiatives to consumers.



## **Economy Is Now Impacting The Retail Sector**

## Going Local

### WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW | MAINSTREAM TREND

The implementation of social distancing and mobility restrictions have helped us reconnect and restore our sense of community and solidarity with those who are nearby. Over the past year, while consumers were prioritizing and supporting small independent businesses and producers in order to boost the local economy, bigger companies have also been trying to address this renewed interest in localism by focusing their strategy in each communities' specific needs and demands.



### WEAK SIGNAL DISCOVERY

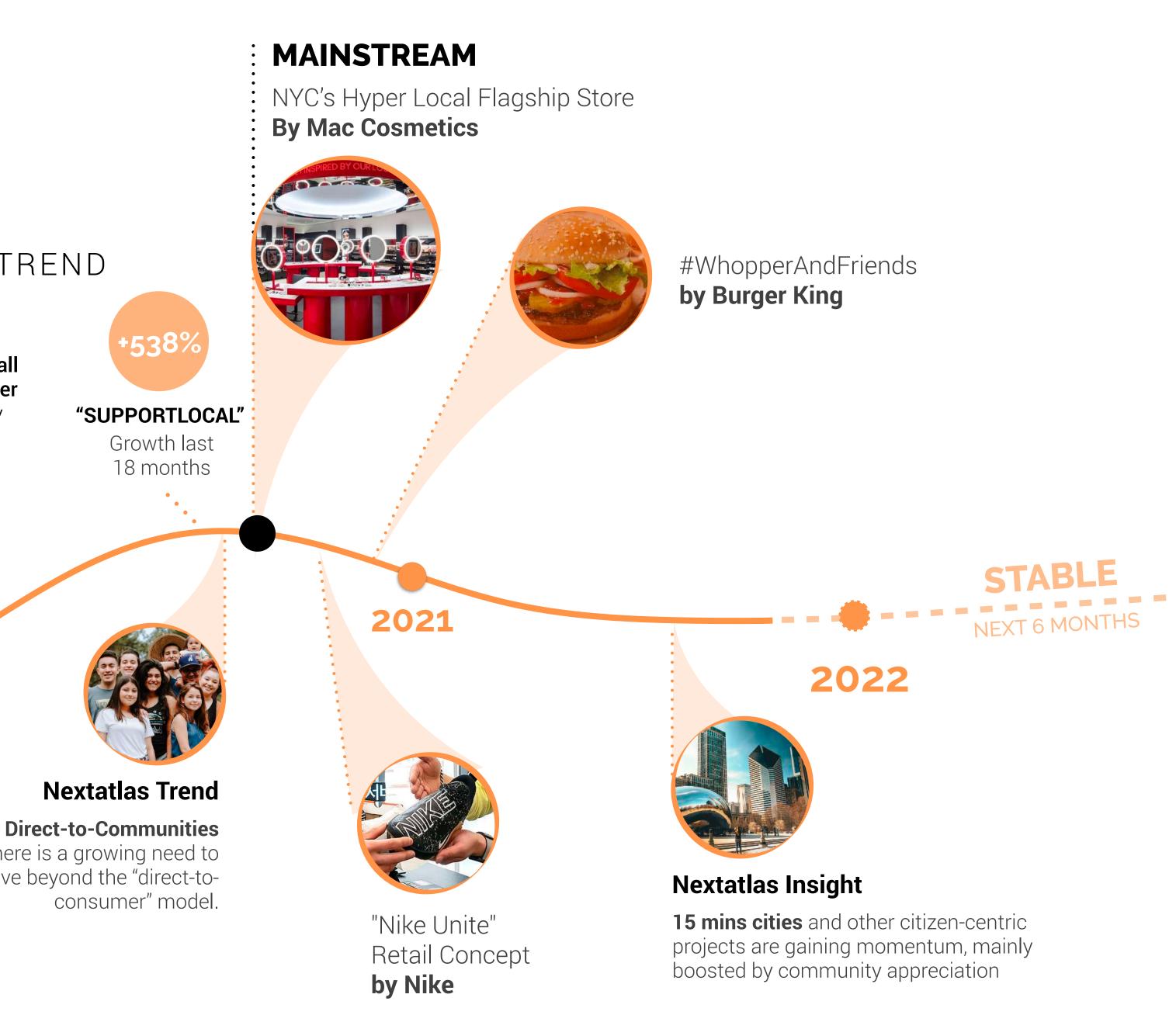
2020

Nextatlas Trend Publication **Communal Compassion** 

There is a growing need to move beyond the "direct-to-

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## Decension Selling Point Decentralized

### **OUR BET FOR YOU |** EMERGING TREND

Mobility restriction and the "support local" economy combined with the recent supply chain instabilities have completely transformed our purchasing habits and our perception towards the retail market. Global interconnectivity and dependency has been replaced by a more decentralized, hyper-local, and community-centric form of purchasing, mainly driven by convenience, efficiency, and ethical & sustainable matters.

### **Nextatlas Insight**

**Dark stores** are the future of post-pandemic retail

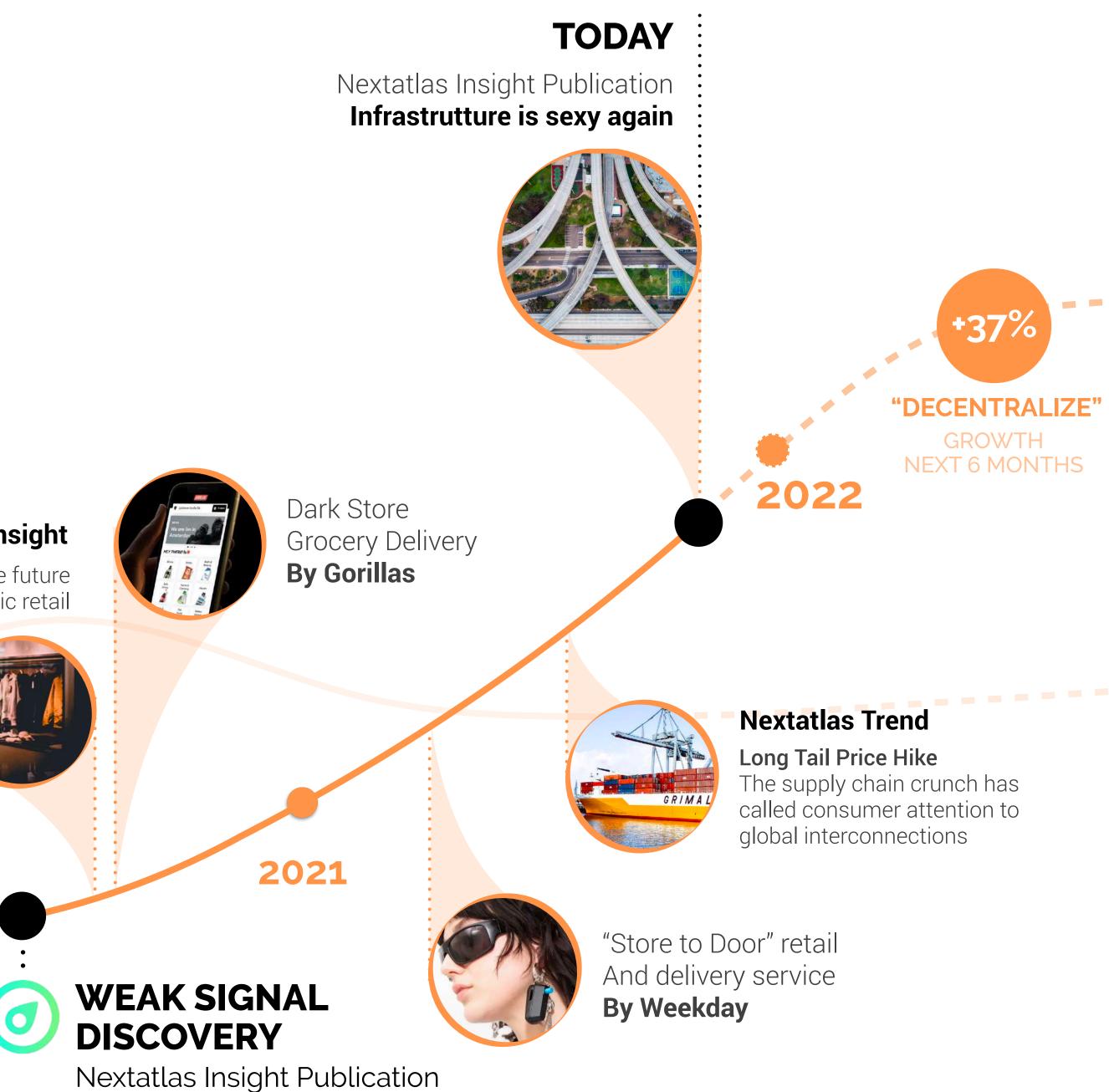


Hyper-local Delivery **By Bond** 

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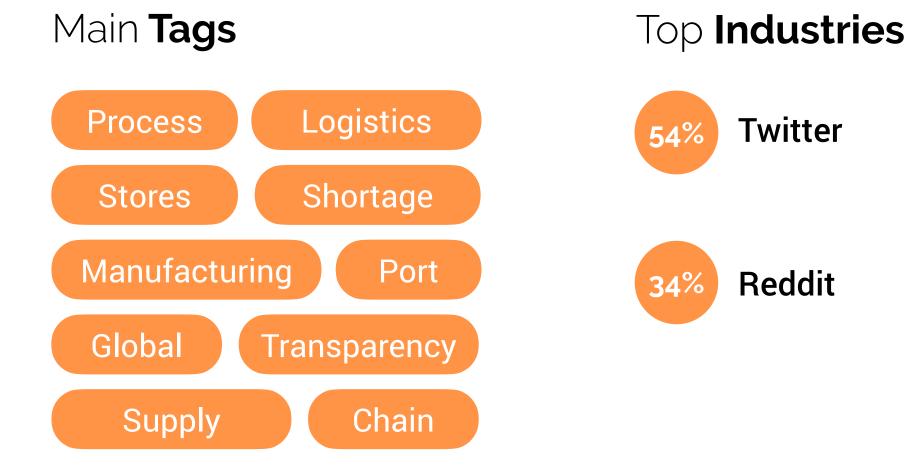
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"Ghost kitchens will likely remain popular in the post-coronavirus world"

## **Decentralized Selling Point: Behind the Data**



## Experts & Solution Seekers (!)

The recent supply chain disruption has been boosting an ever-growing debate in social media. Factors regarding **the manufacturing and transportation process as well as the transparency** of the whole network has become **a topic of discussion among older men in text-based platforms such as Twitter and Reddit** — that are trying to find new and innovative solutions to the current global crisis.



### Emerging Targets

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gen X

### Seniors

GENDER IDENTITY

Men











## **Decentralized Selling Point: Brand Cases**

### **Bond Delivery**

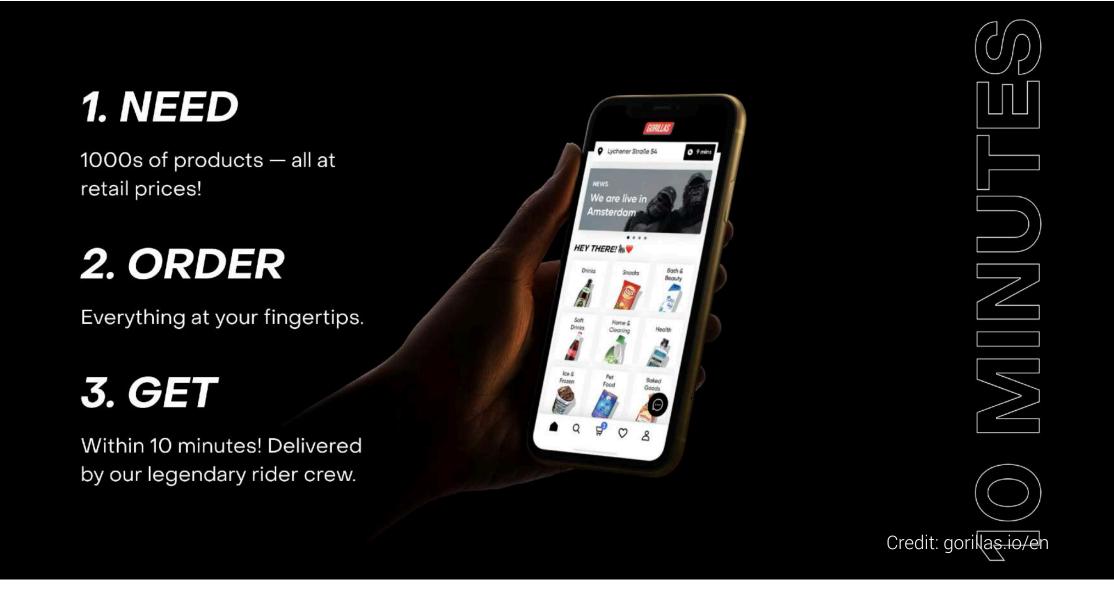
Bond is a New York-based startup that offers e-commerce companies delivery and distribution center services. This startup wants to replace traditional package delivery with hyperlocal, electric-trike-driving couriers . Bond is opening a series of small warehouses in basements and storefronts to do delivery differently than the big carriers, in the hopes of making urban delivery quicker and lower-emission. The company looks at data to determine how much stock that a neighborhood needs of a particular product in each tiny distribution center. "We're calculating demand within hyperlocal territories," says Asaf Hachmon, Bond's CEO.

https://www.withbond.com/





## **Decentralized Selling Point: Brand Cases**



### Weekday's "store to door"

Swedish street and fashion brand Weekday has teamed up with Danish tech company Zliide to launch a 'store to door' retail and delivery service. Zliide has developed a retail shopping app that aims to "enhance the way we buy" by allowing consumers to shop fashion in the same way they order food. Through the app, customers can browse up-to-date inventory at their local Weekday store and simply place an order and have it delivered within three hours, free of charge. All deliveries will be made by bicycle and are guaranteed to arrive within the allotted timeframe.

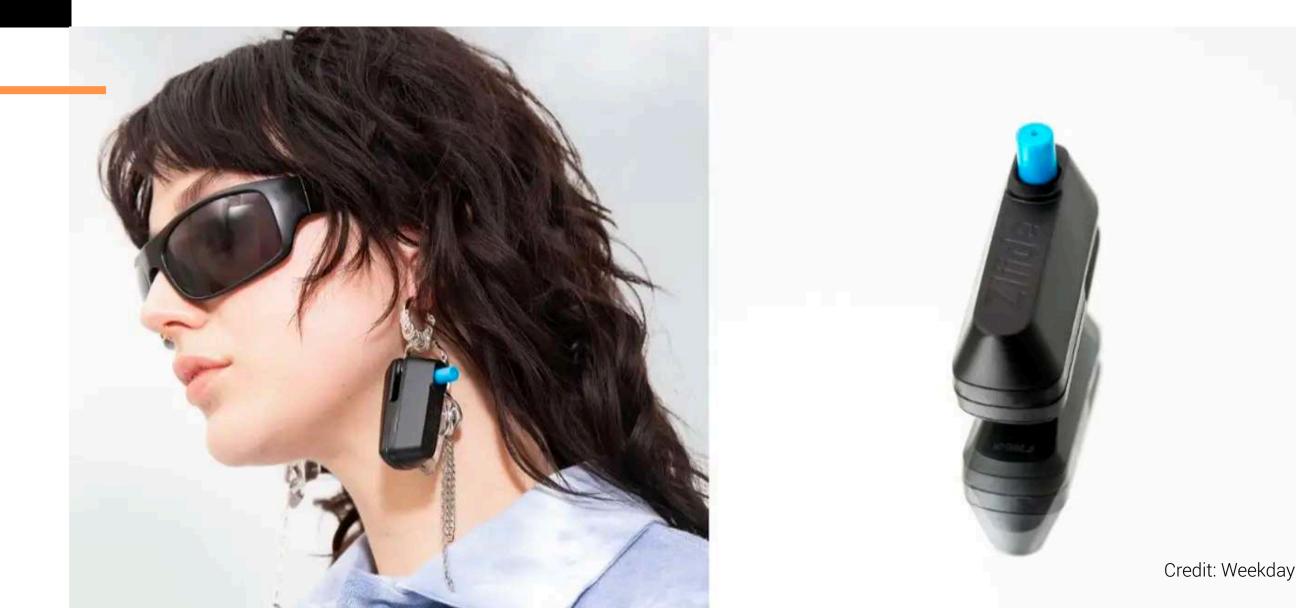


https://fashionunited.uk

### **Gorillas' Dark Store Delivery**

The fastest-growing player in the proliferation of dark-store-powered ultra-fast fulfilment, Gorillas uses small ultra-local warehouses to enable 10-minute delivery. Positioning itself as the cool kid of on-demand delivery with its streetwear branding, it was launched in Berlin in 2020 and now covers much of Europe and New York City. As with ride-hailing apps, users see the estimated delivery time for their exact location before adding items (ranging from fresh produce to pet food and local independent brands), checking out and tracking delivery on a street map. Average delivery fees are €1.80 (\$2).

https://gorillas.io/en



Insights to Action

## Scaling Down Buying Behavior

Globalization and one-size-fits-all retail solutions are not trending anymore.

Adapting or creating specific retail solutions that reflect the neighborhood and the local community culture and behavior will continue to be relevant as consumers are more aware of their role in the community and their personal footprint.

Focus on hyper-local distribution and delivery services as they will continue to thrive as an effective and convenient retail solution for the unsolved supply chain disruption and sustainable issues.







The 4 Words that will drive consumers' needs and values and that brands must consider to make forward-looking actions and strategic decisions in 2022 are:





## Food + Justice +82%

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## NEXT 6 MONTHS





## Longevity +53%

NEXT 6 MONTHS

## Decentralize



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## **In-Depth Section**

## The Trending Topic of the Wear



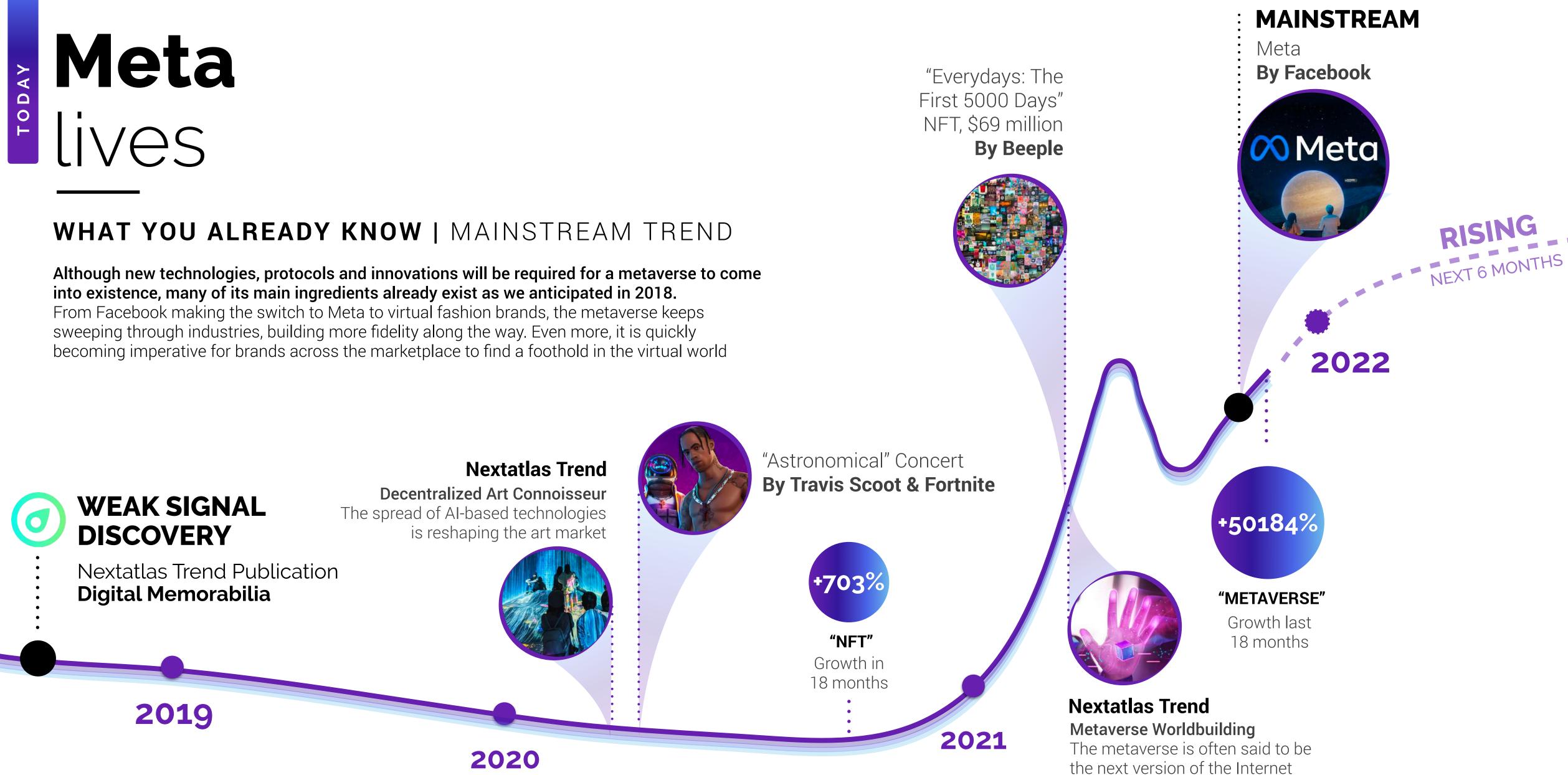
## Into The Metaverse

## Are You Missing Out on the Metaverse?

We started to talk about **"Digital Memorabilia"** back in 2018. In November 2020, we published the first fact on **NFTs** and, in April 2021, we published the first Trend dedicated to **"Metaverse Worldbuilding"**. More than two years after the initial "weak signals," we now **have collect all the data and insights to drive you through the opportunities and threats** of such a multi-faceted and topic.







# **See Just How Fai** The Metaverse Stretches

Our newest Focus section on Nextatlas platform unravels the layers of the Metaverse and helps light the path forward.

The metaverse keeps getting bigger and as new, powerful, innovative players enter the space, it will undoubtedly keep finding unexpected ways to evolve.

We found that trying to address and keep tabs on the innumerable aspects of the landscape as a singular topic tends to lead to even more confusion. So instead, we broke the Metaverse down into 6 Thematic Areas to help you grasp the complexity of this phenomenon and stay on top of all the individual movements.

### WHAT DOES IT MEANS FOR YOU?

- **1.** Develop a **holistic**, **nuanced understanding** of the Metaverse through 6 Unique Thematic Areas
- 3. Become familiar with the new language and emerging concepts in the conversation
- 5. Evaluate the threats and opportunities for different sectors and product categories



Aesthetics

Earning & Owning

## **The 6 Macro Themes that will drive** the Future of Metaverse in 2022

The Dangers

Living & Looking **Playing &** Enjoying

**Discover on Nextatlas** how every corner of the Metaverse will evolve!





WE ARE NEXTATLAS

## Want to discover white-space opportunities through our AI?



### Hunting First Movers Smarter

Nextatlas scouts and analyses the data of **industry specific innovators** and **early adopters** across multiple **social-web sources.** 

Nextatlas applies AI and Machine learning to Content and Visual Analysis to generate automated insights that are further enhanced with expert curation.





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Nextatlas predicts patterns and behavioural shifts and visualizes trends and insights in easy to use formats.



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