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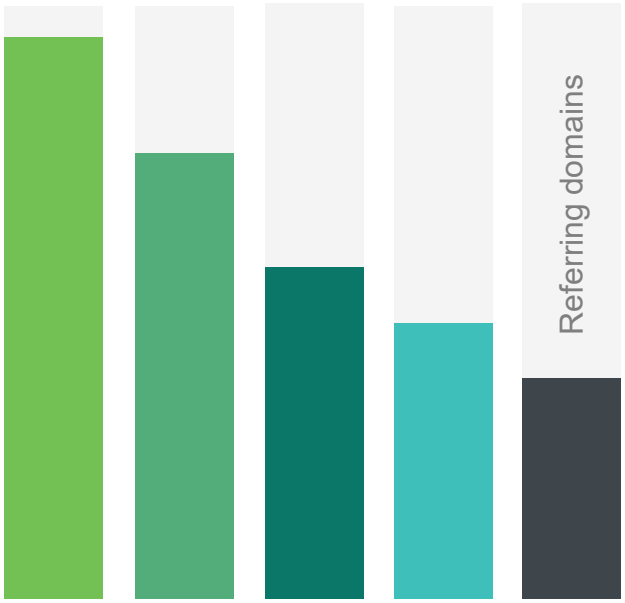
BRAND IN THE AGE OF AI

EXTINCTION OR EVOLUTION?

AI has turned marketing into a race for peak efficiency, but when every competitor uses the same tools, speed becomes a commodity.
The only lasting differentiator is a strong brand.

Brand Strength Has Become a Measurable AI Signal

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Branded web mentions

Strongest predictor of AI visibility: How often your name appears on third-party sources

Branded anchors

Your brand name as a link reference: Signals authority and consistent identity

Branded search volume

How many people actively search for you: A proxy for awareness AI can measure

Domain rating

Overall digital authority: Relevant but outweighed by brand-specific signals

Source: Ahrefs

Brand Investment Is Not Separate from Performance

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A well-known brand is a cognitive shortcut: Familiar, trusted, uncertainty-reducing.

THE HUMAN

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AI PARALLEL

A strong brand is a digital shortcut: Built from the volume and consistency of verifiable online data.

The New Consumer Reality

The Journey Has Changed Forever

45%
of consumers use AI for part of their buying journey.

47%
are willing to delegate routine purchases entirely to an AI agent.

89%
of B2B buyers use generative AI as a top information source.

Source: McKinsey

Decisions Are Made in Two Systems

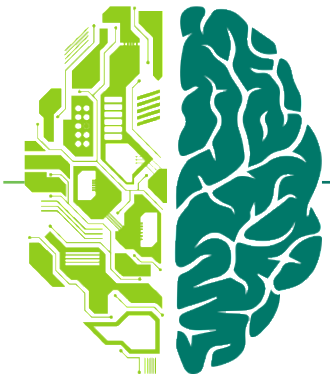
You Must Win Both

AI System

Filtering for efficiency

- Scans options at scale and speed
- Prioritises brand reputation through multi-modal authority
- Validates clarity, consistency, and credibility
- Ranks relevance against structured signals

INPUT:
Structured Data



Visibility gets you noticed

Brand gets you chosen

Human System

Choosing for connection

- Recognises familiar, trusted names
- Responds to emotion, story, and meaning
- Relies on memory, salience, and feeling
- Will pay a premium for brands they believe in

INPUT:
Storytelling & Experience

The New, Compressed User Journey

The evolved path to purchase has collapsed into a frictionless, self-reinforcing loop.

1

Discovery

(The Spark)

Omnichannel and Non-Linear: Happens simultaneously across broad media, social, Search, and AI.

95% of your market

2

Dialogue

(The Conversational Engine)

Active Interaction: Driven primarily by AI Chatbots to maintain engagement.

3

Decision

(The Moment of Truth)

The Final Destination: Your website is where discovery and dialogue must convert into action.

5% of your market

To remain competitive in an AI-mediated landscape, brands must **bridge the gap between human memory** and **machine readability**.



This requires a fundamental shift in how **media is deployed and measured.**

All Major Platforms Are Now Full-Funnel

Creatively-driven

DV360

DOOH Uber

Seamlessly connect with commuters via high-impact outdoor and Uber media, featuring advanced tracking and measurable results.

PREMIUM

vdx.tv

Premium, mother-tongue, high-attention, brand-safe environments with advanced targeting and measurement.

SOCIAL

+ CREATOR CONTENT

Your new human touch: Personal perspectives, authenticity, and earned credibility at scale.

Data-driven

Google

Search, SEO, AI Overviews and Demand Gen

Capture demand today by synthesising Search and SEO into AI-powered answers, and **fuel tomorrow's demand** with Demand Gen.

AI BOTS

OpenAI Claude perplexity Bing

AI visibility = Structured content + authority. Treat AI as a distinct channel with **GEO, AEO,** and **AIO** strategies.

In an AI-first World, Your Brand Is Your Algorithm

Brand is no longer a 'nice to have'. It is the infrastructure of modern marketing. If LLMs don't know your brand, your audience won't either.

1. **Distinctiveness** is your algorithm advantage.
2. **Trust** is your new competitive moat.
3. **Brand** is your gold standard.

Book a strategic media planning session today and begin your journey towards measurable brand impact in an AI-mediated world.

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