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#### **WHO WE ARE**

The Osservatorio Fedeltà (Loyalty Observatory) was created in 1999 at the University of Parma, Italy, with the goal of studying the adoption of loyalty management and the use of customer data in European retailing and overseas.

Tracking of the loyalty practices of over 130 national and international food retail groups began in 1999 and provided the foundation for our understanding of the loyalty management phenomenon until 2000, when we expanded the monitoring to loyalty activities in other industries.

From the beginning, our goal has been to contribute to the development of a customer loyalty culture among Italian managers across all industries and support companies, researchers and students interested in developing research projects, training or simply knowing more about loyalty management, customer relationship management (CRM) and customer experience management.

Our annual Conference is the yearly appointment for over 500 managers involved in loyalty, CRM, CX and digital from 20 different industries, from FMCG to retail, ecommerce, banks, utilities, petrol, travel, health and wellness and many more.

#### WHO WE ARE – OUR NUMBERS

**70** academic papers 5 books **30** sponsors 21 conferences **4000** participants 900 companies 160 speakers **100** dissertations on loyalty



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## The Yearly Conference





















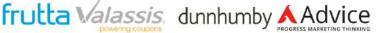


















Italian households

NielsenIQ Consumer
Panel
representative of
Italian population

25 million families

Sectors vary every year Permanent focus on supermarkets/grocery loyalty Between 150 and 250 companies every year

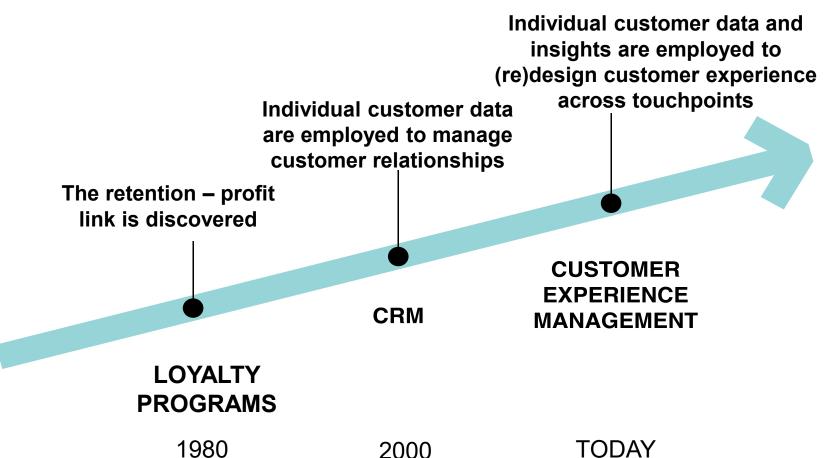
11 sectors

70% B2C 35% consumer goods 40% retail 25% other services 100 vendors

17 categories in the loyalty, CRM and CX market

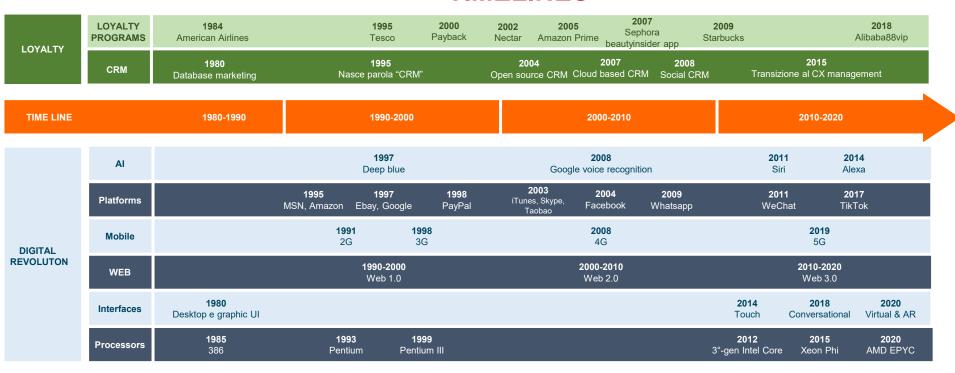
## **OUR YEARLY SURVEYS**

### **OUR VISION – THE EVOLUTION OF LOYALTY MANAGEMENT**





# OUR VISION – THE LOYALTY & DIGITAL REVOLUTION TIMELINES



### OUR VISION – DRIVING LOYALTY WITH OMNICHANNEL EXPERIENCES

**Fase del Search & Discover** 

Fase del Path to Purchase & Fulfillment

Fase del Personalization & Engagement

**Local SEO** 

Virtual catalogue and product pairings

Stock availability

Click & reserve

Mobile couponing based on geolocalisation

Product tracking / ordering (endless aisle)

Shopping cart available through channels

**Persistent shopping basket** 

In store return of digital purchase

Click & collect

**Mobile payments instore** 

Digital loyalty card or customer ID

Wish list

Online appointment scheduling

**Order history** 

Offer associated to instore purchase redeemable only online

Offer associated to online purchase redeemable only instore



# OUR VISION – Artificial Intelligence impact on Marketing and Customer Experience

- · Prediction machines
- Speech recognition
- · Natural language translation
- · Image recognition
- Visual perception
- · Decision-making

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## Marketing

- Search
- Prevision
- · Recommendation
- Personalization
- Content generation
- Customer support
- · Online advertising
- · Market research

- · Smart and robotic services
- · Touchpoint design
- · Real-time alert management
- Automated marketing processes
- Enhanced understanding of markets and customers

Customer experience

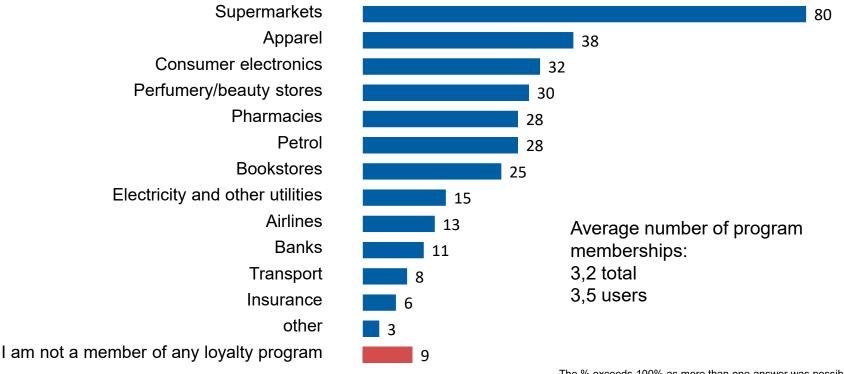
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## **LOYALTY PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP in ITALY BY INDUSTRY (2021)**

Are you a member of at least one loyalty program (plastic card or digital) in the following industries?

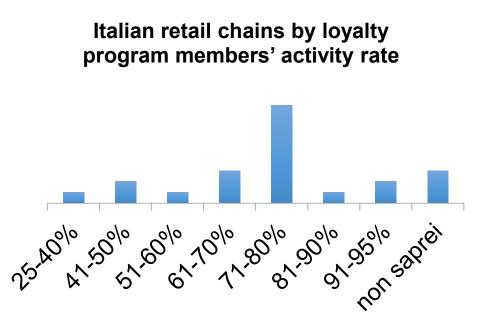




#### LOYALTY PROGRAMS IN SUPERMARKET RETAIL

75% of sales go "through card" (% of turnover), on average

98% at best in class supermarket chain



### TOUCHPOINT REACH IN THE SUPERMARKET SECTOR

96%	Physical store
80%	Promotional flyer (print)
67%	Promotional flyer (online)
66%	Store associates
65%	Loyalty program
	Loyalty program  TV, radio, print and outdoors advertising
53%	• • •
53% 52%	TV, radio, print and outdoors advertising

38% Mobile app
37% Retailer own magazine
37% Direct mail (print)
37% Google searches or online adv
37% Email/newsletters
33% Online word of mouth
32% Digital coupons
30% fb, Instagram and other social media platforms

**41%** Print coupons

In bold, touchpoints with higher variability of reach across

retailers

# THE TOUCHPOINTS OF LOYALTY PROGRAMS IN SUPERMARKET RETAIL

44%	Point collection for physical rewards
40%	Members' only discounts
38%	Point collection to convert in discounts
24%	Items that allow for extra points collection
22%	Short collections with "paper" stamps
17%	Members' only digital coupons
16%	Point collection for digital rewards

10% Loyalty program app
9% Comembers' only print coupons
9% Instant win
9% Short collections with "digital" stamps
8% Loyalty program payment card/tool
5% Loyalty program website
5% Members' only emails
4% None of the above

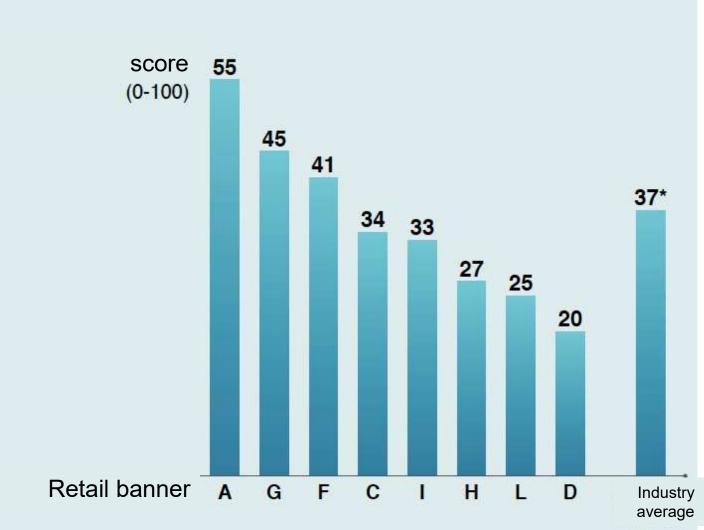
% of Italian families members of their supermarket loyalty program that have used/come into contact with the specific touchpoint over the past 6 minths (March – August 2021)



Customer evaluation of loyalty programs in supermarket industry

Score computed Based on members' agreement with statements on Evanshitzky et al. (2012) Scale







### **TOUCHPOINT REACH IN FASHION RETAIL**

88%	Physical store
59%	Store associates
59%	Offline word of mouth
56%	retailer's website
50%	Email/newsletter
48%	Clothes or shopper seen on other people
46%	Google searches or internet adv
45%	Loyalty program
41%	Fb, instagram, other social platforms
41%	Mobile app
41%	TV, radio, print, outdoors advertising



<sup>39%</sup> Online word of mouth 38% Video online/on apps 36% Text messages 35% Promotional flyer (digital) 32% Live streaming sales event 32% Digital coupons 32% Gift card 31% Promotional flyer (online) 31% Customer service 29% BOPIS personnel 29% Bloggers/influences on social media

<sup>%</sup> of Italian families that have made a purchase in the category over past 6 months (Base: 18,2 mln).

# THE TOUCHPOINTS OF LOYALTY PROGRAMS IN FASHION RETAIL

36%	Members' discounts
28%	Points collection to convert in discounts/rebates
24%	Email/text communication
14%	Members' only digital coupons
14%	Point collection for digital reward
13%	Raccoltpoint collection for physical reward
12%	None of the above
9%	Loyalty program app

% of Italian families members of fashion loyalty program that have used/come into contact with the specific touchpoint over the past 6 months (March – August 2021)







# Costa Club

## ▲ LUISAVIAROMA.COM Luxury Shopping Worldwide Shipping

















## **LUISAVIAROMA**

PRIVILEGE PROGRAM

#### LVR PRIVILEGE - How it works

The Privilege program is the easiest and most effective way to reward our customers and incentivize loyalty through exclusive benefits, discounts and amazing experiences sponsored by our partners.



When you first sign in, you enter the program as a bronze user. The more you purchase and you engage with our program, the more points and rewards you can get. Platinum users represent only 1% of our member base.

#### Levels

- o Bronze → 1-699 points
- $\circ$  Silver  $\rightarrow$  700-2499 points
- o Gold → 2500-4999 points
- Platinum → 5000+ points

#### Rewards

- o LVR Credits
- o Privilege Cards
- o Free shipping
- Luxury Experience
- o Sneakers Club

### Fashion retailer

## LVR | PRIVILEGE - Key Performance Indicators

- 65% of LVR customers are loyalty members
- Their AOV is 47% higher than non loyalty members
- Their average number of orders per customer is 96% higher than non members
- Their retention rate in terms of sales it is 65%

If we consider only **redeemers**, the numbers are even more surprising:

- Their AOV is 71% higher than non loyalty members
- Their average number of orders per customer is 388% higher than non members
- Their retention rate in terms of sales it is 67%

### Fashion retailer

### Payback Italy





















































8 million active customers 7400 stores (phyisical) 300 ecommerce partners



## Coalition loyalty program

#### 5.5 million members

Two reward catalogues a year printed in 1.5 million copies 150 million rewards distributed over 25 years

ESSELUNGA supermarkets

Fidaty is a simple point-based loyalty program, that allows customers to accumulate "Strawberry" points and receive benefits.



#### **OVSFriends**

Point based, four tiers loyalty program by OVS - 1,200 apparel stores in Italy and abroad

5€ Welcome voucher Additional points for completing challenges or bringing in new members.

Hearts can be exchanged for a experiences, OVS vouchers or gifts from a digital catalog

#### PER NOI SEI UN AMICO SPECIALE

Scopri come collezionare i cuori, raggiungi i livelli crescenti e scegli i regali che esaudiscono i tuoi desideri

Come funziona in 4 semplici passi

01.

02.

03.

04.



Diventa OVS Friend e divertiti a fare shopping. Subito per te **5 euro di benvenuto.** 



Colleziona i Cuori con il tuo shopping. 1 euro = 1 Cuore



Ottieni Cuori extra completando le **sfide** 



Scegli i **Regali** che preferisci dal catalogo oppure un buono sconto OVS



INDIETRO / CARTA PIU



Se ancora non possiedi una Carta Più o MultiPiù, scopri tutti i vantaggi.
Puoi acquistarla anche on-line.



#### **CONVENIENZA PIÙ**



In librena, hai il 5% di sconto sul tuo primo acquisto alla sottoscriziono della Carta, inottre vivi i tuoi interessi con più convenienza, hai sempre il 5% di sconto su tutte le novità libri e con Carta MultiPiù hai ancora più vantaggili\*

SCOPRI DI PIU

#### CONVENZIONI PIÙ



Il meglio dell'offerta culturale della tua città, a condizioni privilogiato. Tantissime convenzioni in tutta italia con cinema, teatri, musel, gallerie e tanto altro

SCOPRI DI PIU

#### ESPERIENZE PIU'



Un mondo irresistibile solo per i Titolari Carta Più e Carta MultiPiù Viaggi tantastol, anteprime prestigiose, inviti riservati, incontri a tu per tu con i tuoi autori e artisti preferiti.

SCOPRI DI PIU

Feltrinelli is an Italian publisher and bookstore chain founded in 1954

Subscription loyalty program

CartaPiu membership costs 5€ MultiPiu membership costs 10€.

CartaPiu is an entry tier with limited benefits

MultiPiu level offers a 10€ discount coupon for every 200€ spent, free delivery and a birthday present

# Alitalia Millemiglia

+4
percentage
points yoy

revenues from members after lockdown (June-December 2020) compared to non members

## 1992

Program was launched

+60 partners

13 million

transactions per year

## 6.2 million

members: 3.9 million Italians, 2,3 million foreign.

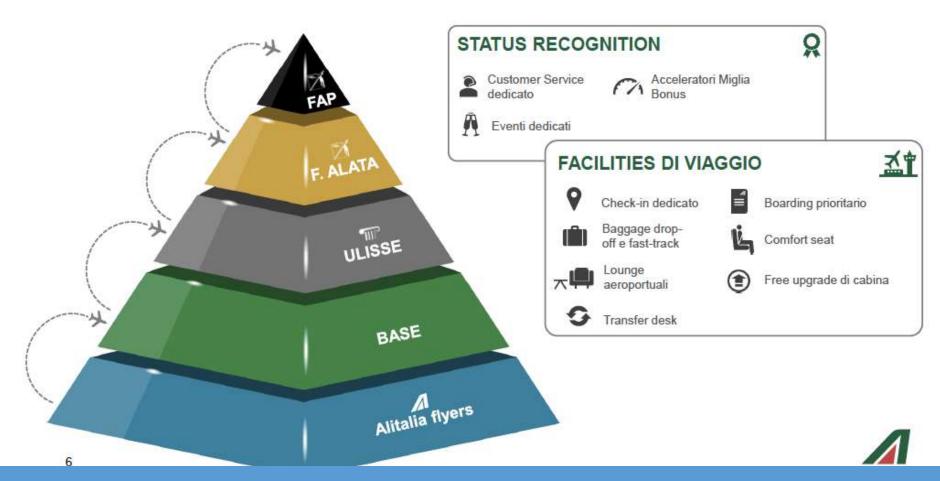
Top foreign countries: USA, Japan, Brasil, argentina and UK

## +130 million

DirectEmails sent per year









#### MY SORGENIA APP



Loyalty Program: earn green coins Measure your footprint My shop: green products catalog





Circa 30% Program penetration on residential customer base

SORGENIA Greeners Loyalty Program Results



70% Program registrations are mobile based



- 40% Decrease in churn rate



650.000 Meals donated to charity 50.000 Square meters of forest adopted Beehives adopted

utility

## Loyalty strategy for CONSUMERS



- Convenience in the booking and boarding processes
- Supplementary services on-board
- Discounts and non price-based benefits
- Dedicated section in the Costa App



Club Ambra 0 punti



Club Acquamarina 1 - 2.000



2.001 - 5.000



Club Perla 5.001 - 13.000



Club Perla Oro 13.001 - 26.000



Club Perla Diamante 26.001 +



## Point accumulation is based on:

- Number of nights spent on board
- Type of cabin (inside, outside, balcony, suite)
- Advance in booking.
- On-board purchases

## Loyalty strategy for TRADE

## CostaNext

Partner travel agencies

- All agencies
   20 services
   (e.g. Virtual Assistant)
- Best performing agencies



Costa coins

24 additional services

100% customized set of services (e.g. Geointelligence)

# CostaNextjey

Individual Employees of Travel agencies

- Earn points for each cruise sold
- Choose rewards from a <u>catalogue</u> of over 100 products



# horeca street club

is a point-based loyalty scheme, aimed at managers of bars, restaurants, pubs and hotels.

Members accumulate points each time they buy products from Partesa.

#### Members get:

- Information on industry news and trends
- Access to contests
- Admission to special events
- Rewards from a catalogue divided into 3 sections: for your club, technology, free time





51% of Italian companies run some form of loyalty program /customer club

This reaches 70% in B2C while it is 30% in B2B



#### MAIN CHALLENGES FOR RETENTION STRATEGIES

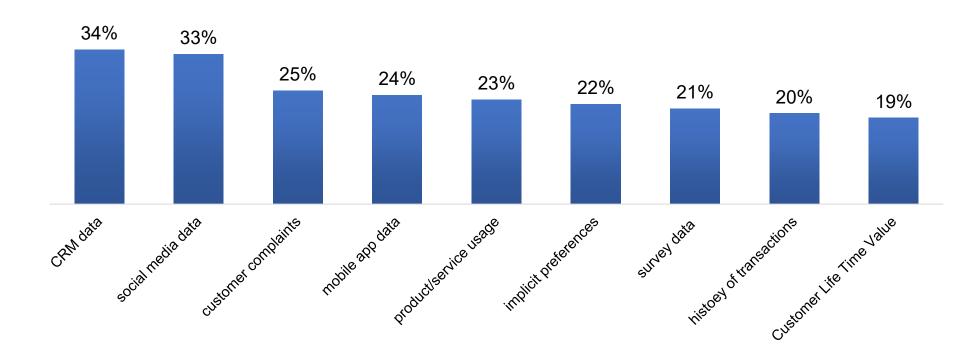
# Companies that have a Loyalty program

Customer engagement Creating omnichannel, seamless experience Personalisation

## Companies that do not have one

Customer engagement Brand reputation Competitors

## Data companies still DO NOT have in database, seek to integrate



# **MARTECH** in Italy

Social media tools = social media management tools, social media monitoring tools, influencer marketing platforms

Content marketing tools = CMS, SEO tools, landing pages & A/B testing, content curation, CMP, DAM, lead magnets

Marketing automation platforms & tools = email marketing, mobile marketing, marketing automation

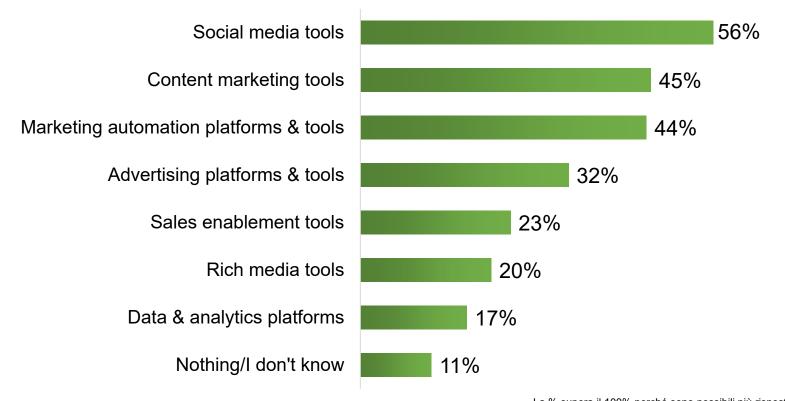
Advertising platforms & tools = SEM, social media advertising, native advertising, programmatic advertising

Data & analytics platforms = DMP, CDP, Web analytics, tag management, predictive analytics

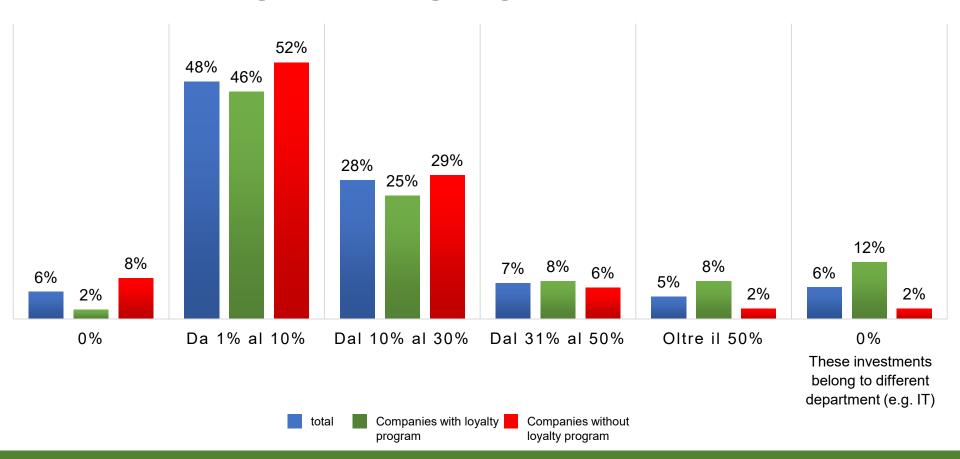
Sales enablement tools = CRM, customer support, sales automation

Rich media tools = video making, video marketing, podcasting, graphic design, interactive content

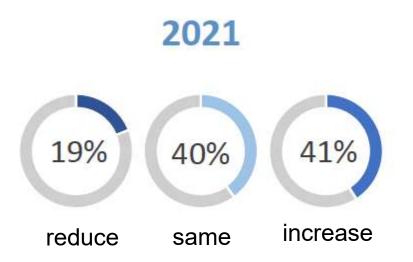
# WHAT MARKETING TECHNOLOGY (MARTECH) IS YOUR COMPANY EMPLOYING?



## Percentage of marketing budget allocated to "Martech"



# Investment in LOYALTY and CRM by Italian companies

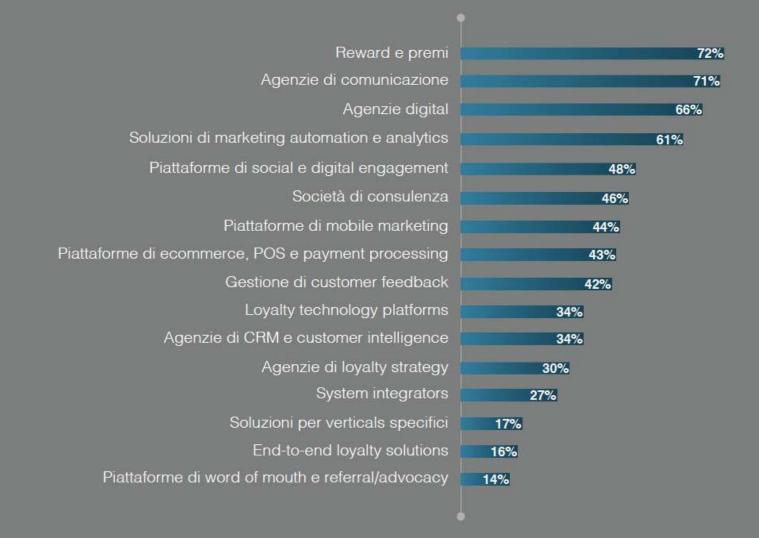




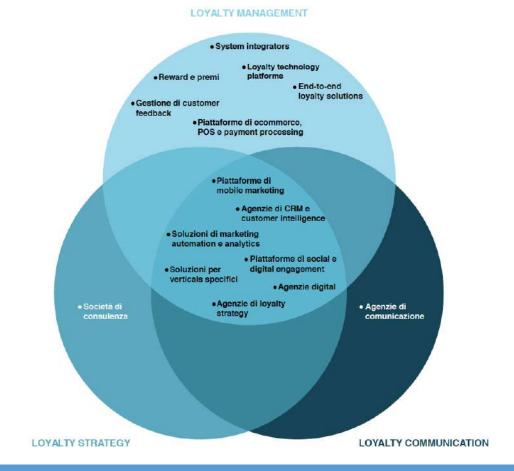




Loyalty,
CRM and
CX
Vendors
used by
Italian
brands and
retailers



COMPETITION
Among Vendor types
In the Loyalty, CRM and CX
Market
In Italy





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