

### DECEMBER 2018 MARRIOTT REWARDS EMAIL PROGRAM REVIEW

February 5, 2018

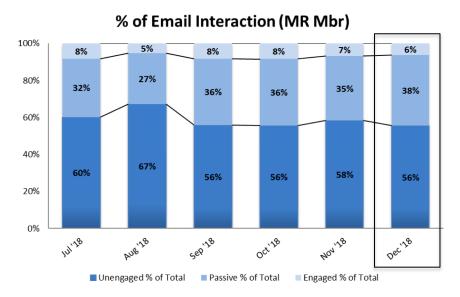


### TODAY'S AGENDA:

- Program Summary & Trends
- Key Storylines
- Testing Summary
- Actionable Insights

# PROGRAM SUMMARY & TRENDS

# 44% OF MEMBERS ENGAGED IN DECEMBER '18 EMAILS; UP 5% MOM



#### \*Report Kev:



<sup>-</sup> Received: # of emails received during time period

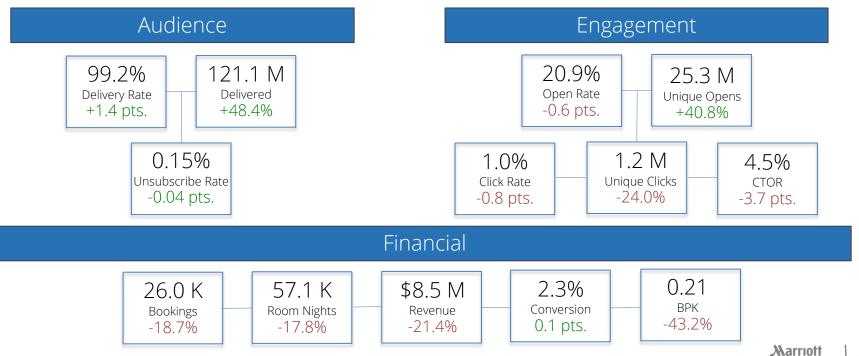
<sup>-</sup> Engaged: Received Opened and Clicked + Received not Opened but Clicked

<sup>-</sup> Passive: Received Opened but not Clicked

<sup>-</sup> Unengaged: Received not Opened and not Clicked

### DECEMBER 2018 EMAIL PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

- Open & click rates are just below flat vs. 12-month average
- Low activity from Engaged members seen in CTOR down 3.7 pts vs. avg; Solo engagement low & most lifecycle's still paused
- Program financials impacted from low engagement in Solo campaigns; this category typically drives program KPI's



	December 2018 vs 12 Month Avg.											
		Overall	eNews	H.S.	Dest.	Solo	Lifecy.	MRCC	METT			
	# Delivered	48.4%	58.2%	36.6%	30.3%	0.6%	-78.7%	236.0%	16.1%			
₽nd	Unsub Rate	-0.04 pts	-0.03 pts	0.01 pts	-0.01 pts	-0.04 pts	-0.04 pts	-0.04 pts	-0.06 pts			
_	Delivery Rate	1.4 pts	1.1 pts	1.3 pts	1.1 pts	1.1 pts	1.2 pts	2.3 pts	-0.2 pts			
±	Open Rate	-0.6 pts	-1.0 pts	-1.1 pts	-2.4 pts	0.1 pts	-6.3 pts	1.4 pts	-1.7 pts			
ment	# Open	40.8%	45.9%	23.9%	12.1%	-2.6%	-84.0%	261.1%	6.3%			
ge	Click Rate	-0.8 pts	0.0 pts	0.0 pts	-0.7 pts	-0.8 pts	-3.1 pts	-0.2 pts	-0.1 pts			
ιga	# Click	-24.0%	53.1%	33.8%	-46.1%	-49.0%	-88.8%	111.0%	0.4%			
ѿ	CTO Rate	-3.6 pts	0.5 pts	0.8 pts	-3.0 pts	-3.7 pts	-7.9 pts	-1.2 pts	-0.2 pts			
	# Bookings	-18.7%	7.9%	88.8%	-40.5%	-26.9%	-97.1%	-23.9%	10.8%			
ials	# Room Nights	-17.8%	4.1%	102.1%	-39.7%	-26.4%	-97.3%	-19.9%	15.2%			
ancials	Revenue	-21.4%	-2.3%	100.1%	-44.2%	-30.1%	-97.6%	-19.1%	-0.9%			
Ë	Bkngs/Dlvd (K)	-42.1%	-32.9%	40.1%	-49.6%	-19.7%	-86.2%	-75.2%	-4.9%			
_	Conversion Rate	0.1 pts	-0.9 pts	0.9 pts	0.1 pts	0.9 pts	-1.0 pts	-1.4 pts	0.4 pts			

- Similar Solo performance and impacts as Nov '18
- Solo revenue made up 39% of monthly total, but not enough to lift overall program
- Loyalty support for:
  - Goodwill letter
  - America's offers
    - Moments

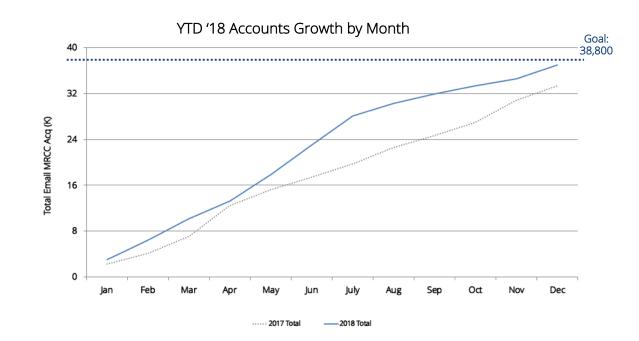


<sup>-</sup> Data source: Omniture (7-day) Financial Data

<sup>-</sup> Month compared to 12-mo rolling avg.

### GAINED 36.9K NEW ACCOUNTS BY YEAR-END, DOWN -4.9% VS. GOAL

- 2.3K new accounts in December; 88% were from Solo email & resends
- 2018 concluded at 95.1% of 38.8K goal with a total of 36,948 new accounts; up 10.8% YoY



December considerations that influenced efforts towards goal:

- MRCC offer testing in Solo
- Points Expiration still paused
- Email blackout (Nov 30 Dec 10)
- eNews featured Year-in-Review and MegaBonus in top sections



### KEY STORYLINES

- Continued success with personalization tactics used in campaign optimization efforts
- Destinations campaign shows us that some will travel for food
- Non-members show us how to engage through promotions and acquisition offers



### GLOBAL ENEWS

KPI's are strong compared to 12-month avg:

o Open: 19.9% (-1.0 pts)

o CTR: 2.4% (flat)

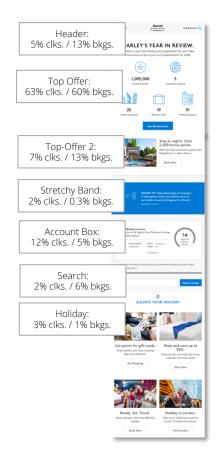
o CTOR: 12.2% (+0.5 pts)

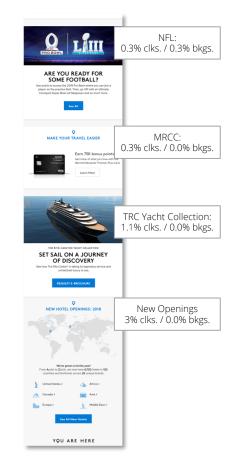
o Unsub: 0.07% (dropped from 0.11%)

- High interest in Year-In-Review content; drove 82% of section clicks and 80% of bookings
- TRC Yacht Collection content drove over 4.6K clicks to eBrochure landing page
- Redesigned New Openings module drove 3% of clicks; up 50% MoM; interest varied by region

Locations: Domestic	Clicks
United States	3,330
See All New Hotels (CTA)	1,302
Map creative	1,214
Europe	1,145
Canada	820
Asia	619
Africa	457
Middle East	258
NEW HOTEL OPENINGS: 2018 (headline)	221

Locations: ROTW	Clicks
Asia	781
Europe	647
See All New Hotels (CTA)	424
Map creative	335
Africa	331
Middle East	273
United States	217
Canada	101
NEW HOTEL OPENINGS: 2018 (headline)	69





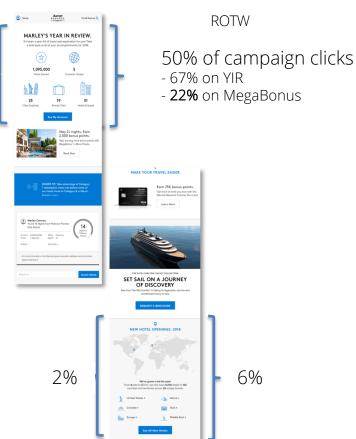
#### ENEWS CLICK ENGAGEMENT: DOMESTIC VS. ROTW

Domestic

65% of campaign clicks

- 84% on YIR
- -12% on MegaBonus

- Rest of world audience showed high interest in offers & new openings
- Suggest looking for more marketing opportunities through localization efforts



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6%

### HOTEL SPECIALS

KPI's are steady compared to 12-month avg:

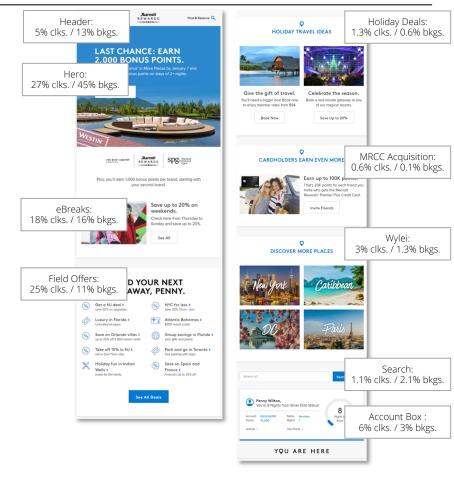
o Open: 15.9% (-1.1 pts)

o CTR: 1.3% (flat)

o CTOR: 8.0% (+0.8 pts)

Unsub: 0.15% (up from 0.14%)

- Higher click engagement from smaller eBreaks module vs. larger hero size; 2<sup>nd</sup> month at 18% of clicks vs. 11%
- Field Offers bookings are up 88% vs. 12 month avg.
  - Plus both room nights and revenue are up 100%
  - See All generated 1 in 3 bookings out of all offers
  - Top 10 offers included:
    - Niagara Falls & NYC, Orlando, East Coast, Vermont, DC
    - Spain & France
    - Bahamas



**Email Link** 

### DESTINATIONS

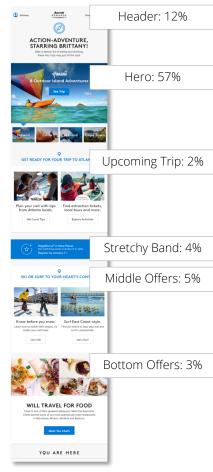
Overall performance down several %points compared to 12-month avg, except decline in unsub rates is a plus:

Open: 17.1% (-2.4 pts) CTR: 0.6% (-0.7 pts) CTOR: 3.5% (-3.0 pts)

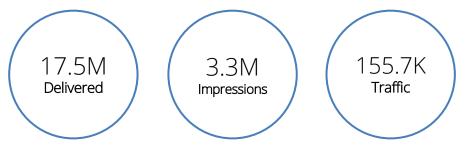
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- 2.3M impressions supporting travel inspiration goals; counts are down 30% YoY with shift from bucket list to action adventures.
  - More engaging approach could still work with new content: "4 Active Vacations for Your 2019 Bucket List"
- Food content in bottom module did not perform as well as previous content; same engagement between U.S. and ROTW

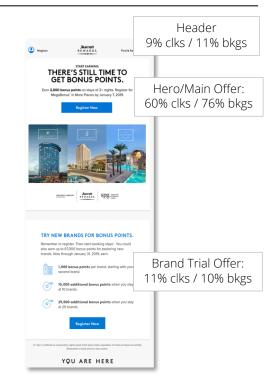
November: Brand Education 7% clicks October: Upcoming Trip 1% clicks September: MegaBonus 40% clicks August: Vacation Planning 5% clicks



### MEGABONUS BOOKING REMINDER



- \$1.8M in tracked revenue generated from reminder solo
- Open rate of 19.1% below Dec. program avg. by 9%
  - Consider testing subject lines for lower engaged audiences like nonmembers and Basics
  - Try promoting the max offer of 67K bonus points in subject line
- 4.7% CTOR is 4% higher than Dec. program avg.
- Low engagement and high unsub rate of 0.47% from nonmembers suggests deeper targeting & optimization strategy



#### Members (Both Registered & Non-Reg)

**SL:** Don't Miss Out on Earning Bonus Points **PH:** Bonus points await.

#### Non-Members

**SL:** Last Chance to Earn Bonus Points

**PH:** Become a member and earn bonus points across all 29 brands.



### MEGABONUS SOLO ENGAGEMENT: NON-MEMBERS

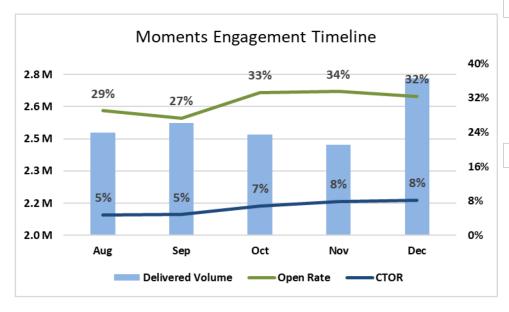
	Delivered	Open %	Click %	сто %	Unsub %	ВРК
LEVEL - BASIC	9,582,826	16.3%	0.5%	3.0%	0.11%	0.10
LEVEL - SILVER	1,260,054	22.4%	1.6%	7.3%	0.06%	0.56
LEVEL - GOLD	767,214	27.0%	2.6%	9.8%	0.04%	0.90
LEVEL - PLATINUM	1,015,885	34.6%	4.5%	12.9%	0.02%	2.81
LEVEL - NON-MEMBER	4,843,583	19.4%	0.5%	2.5%	0.47%	0.08
TOTAL	17,462,819	19.1%	0.9%	4.7%	0.20%	0.32

- Basics and Non-members behaved similarly across most metrics
- Non-member unsub rate was more than 3x the monthly avg.
- Consider approaching audience with richness of offer & reasons to join (WIIFM tactic)
- Connect with acquisition team to gain insights into marketing wins

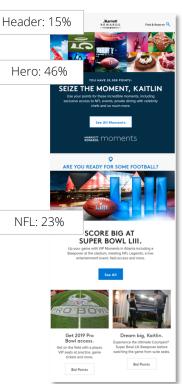




# MR MOMENTS SOLO ENGAGEMENT REMAINS STEADY



Web scrape continues to drive traffic to last minute experiences - 3.3K clicks

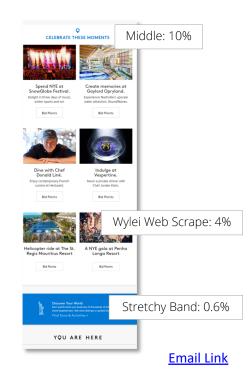


SUBJECT LINE:

Score Big With Your [25,000] Points

PREHEADER:

Discover incredible sports, culinary and entertainment moments.

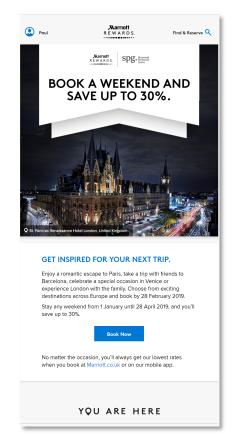


### EUROPEAN TRAVEL SOLO

1.1M Delivered

275.9K Impressions 10.5K Traffic

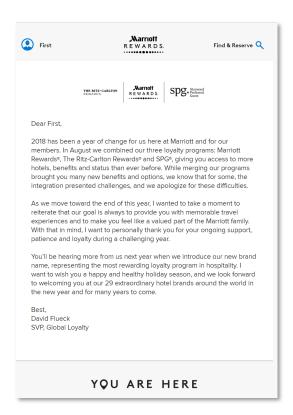
- Campaign had above average open rate of 25.6% with a 3.8% CTOR
- Unsub rate was slightly above avg. at 0.18% but still a good rate
- Offer resonated mostly with the German audience; open rate of 35.6%, CTOR of 7.24% and BPK at just under 1 (0.94)
  - Second highest CTOR: Italian version (5.25%)
  - Second highest BPK: British English version (0.49)
- Consider adding hotel recommendations as secondary module to encourage bookings





### ELITE GOODWILL LETTER

- Email sent to Elite members across all 3 programs –
   6M total
- Letter from David thanking members for patience during program transitions and acknowledges difficulties since mid-Aug.
- 32.3% Open Rate overall, higher for the English audience (36.32%) then the Translated audience (17.75%)
- Even though this message doesn't have a primary call-to-action, it generated \$180K in revenue





# TESTING & OPTIMIZATION SUMMARY

- SUBJECT LINE TESTS: humor was top in Destinations & MRCC saw consistency MoM
- MRCC ACQUISITION OFFER TEST: 2<sup>nd</sup> winning month for Free Night Award offer
- E2+ BOOKING REMINDER: Free Night Award outperformed 4K Bonus Points
- HOTEL SPECIALS: 39% CTOR section lift with location optimization
- MEGABONUS REG. REMINDER: 2.8% CTOR lift with Dynamic Content Assembly



### SUBJECT LINE TESTING

Campaign/Subject Lines	Winner (% Pts. Inc.)	Description of Winner
<ul> <li>Destinations</li> <li>Get Off the Couch with these 4 Active Vacations</li> <li>4 Trips for Adventure Travelers</li> <li>Go Big: 4 Trips for Adrenaline Junkies</li> </ul>	Winner +0.1 pts. +0.2 pts.	Humor with listicle style
<ul><li>Moments</li><li>Score Big With Your Points</li><li>Turn Your Points Into NFL Moments</li></ul>	Winner +2.7 pts.	Sports language with personalization "your points"
<ul> <li>MRCC Acquisition Mailing 1</li> <li>Free Nights</li> <li>3 Free Night Awards</li> <li>We Invite You to Earn 3 Free Nights</li> <li>Where Will You Go With 3 Free Night Awards?</li> </ul> Bonus Points	Winner +1.2 pts. +1.1 pts.	Offer only and short
<ul> <li>75,000 Bonus Points</li> <li>We Invite You to Earn 75,000 Bonus Points</li> <li>How Will You Spend Your 75,000 Bonus Points?</li> </ul>	Winner +0.6 pts. -0.1 pts.	Offer only and short  *open rate for 3 <sup>rd</sup> SL higher than winner two weeks later

### SUBJECT LINE TESTING

Campaign/Subject Lines	Winner (% Pts. Inc.)	Description of Winner
<ul> <li>MRCC Acquisition Mailing 2</li> <li>Free Nights</li> <li>• 3 Free Night Awards</li> <li>• We Invite You to Earn 3 Free Nights</li> <li>• Where Will You Go With 3 Free Night Awards?</li> </ul> Bonus Points <ul> <li>• 75,000 Bonus Points</li> <li>• We Invite You to Earn 75,000 Bonus Points</li> <li>• How Will You Spend Your 75,000 Bonus Points?</li> </ul>	Winner +1.8 pts. +1.7 pts. Winner +0.8 pts. - 0.4 pts.	Short and clear message  Short and clear message  *open rate for 3rd SL higher than winner two weeks later
<ul> <li>MRCC Acquisition Mailing 3</li> <li>Free Nights</li> <li>• 3 Free Night Awards</li> <li>• We Invite You to Earn 3 Free Nights</li> <li>• Where Will You Go With 3 Free Night Awards?</li> </ul> Bonus Points <ul> <li>• 75,000 Bonus Points</li> <li>• We Invite You to Earn 75,000 Bonus Points</li> <li>• How Will You Spend Your 75,000 Bonus Points?</li> </ul>	Winner +0.6 pts. +0.6 pts. Winner +0.4 pts. - 0.3 pts.	Short and clear message  Short and clear message  *open rate for 3rd SL higher than winner two weeks later



### MRCC ACQUISITION OFFER TEST (2<sup>ND</sup> MONTH)

- For email, the 3 Free Night Awards offer outperformed the standard 75K Bonus Points
- Audience split: 75% Free Night offer and 25% Bonus Points
- 16% higher open rate and 10% higher CTOR for free nights version
- Sent 3 mailings: 1 initial and 2 re-sends all with consistent results for free nights version

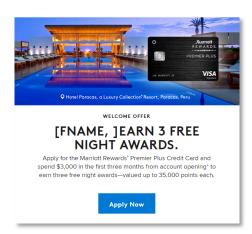
VS.

• Waiting on performance for acquired new accounts from Acquisition team and bank

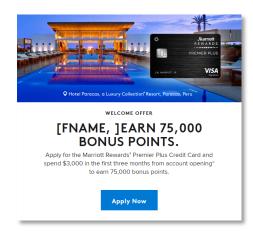
#### Initial Mailing:

Open Rate: 22.5%
CTR: 0.34%
CTOR: 1.50%
Unsub: 0.19%

#### Free Night Award



#### **Bonus Points**



Open Rate: 19.4%
CTR: 0.26%
CTOR: 1.36%
Unsub: 0.18%

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**36.1%** +2.6 pts

**8.2%** +2.8 pts

\$6.6K +54%

**30** +150%

Open Rate:

Unsub Rate:

CTOR:

Revenue:

# Bookings:

### E2+ SOLO: BOOKING REMINDER

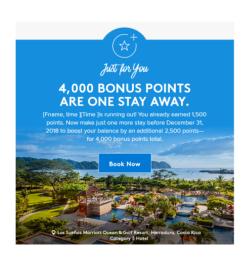
- For email, the Free Night Award offer outperformed 4K Bonus Points across all metrics
- Free Night BPK was 165% higher at 1.9 vs. 0.7 with Bonus Points
- Waiting on performance of overall promotion from Lifecycle team

#### Free Night Award

# YOUR FREE NIGHT AWARD **0.08%** -0.02 pts IS ONE STAY AWAY. [Fname, time Time ]is running out—make just one more stay

Vs.

#### **Bonus Points**



Open Rate: 33.5% CTOR: 5.4% 0.09% Unsub Rate: Revenue: \$4.3K # Bookings: 12



# E2+ SOLO ENGAGEMENT FROM WYLEI OPTIMIZATION UNDETERMINED LIFT FROM LOW SEND VOLUME



INSPIRATION FOR YOUR NEXT DESTINATION

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Top 4 Locations Based on CTOR

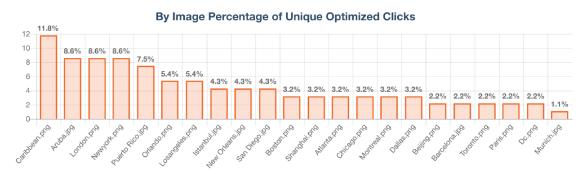








Top Locations Based on Clicks







# 39% CTOR LIFT FOR SECTION HOTEL SPECIALS: WYLEI DESTINATIONS MODULE

Top 4 Locations Based on CTOR









Top Locations Based on Clicks

#### By Image Percentage of Unique Optimized Clicks

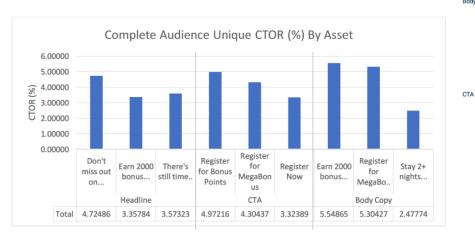




## 2.8% CTOR LIFT FROM WYLEI DYNAMIC CONTENT ASSEMBLY MEGABONUS REGISTRATION REMINDER SOLO



- 27 hero variations created using 3 different headlines, copy, and CTA's
- Campaign successfully optimized and learnings were received, but issues with 1<sup>st</sup> party data load times and SQL servers lead to Wylei recommendation to retest for deeper insights and improved lifts



THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET BONUS POINTS.

**Body Copy** 

EARN 2,000 BONUS POINTS BY JANUARY 31.

DON'T MISS OUT ON 2,000 BONUS POINTS.

Register for MegaBonus° in More Places by January 7, 2019. Earn **2,000 bonus points** on stays of 2+ nights.

Earn 2,000 bonus points on stays of 2+ nights. Register for MegaBonus\* in More Places by January 7, 2019.

Stay 2+ nights. Earn **2,000 bonus points** with MegaBonus\* in More Places. Register by January 7, 2019 – and start earning.

Register Now

Register for MegaBonus

Register for Bonus Points



## ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS



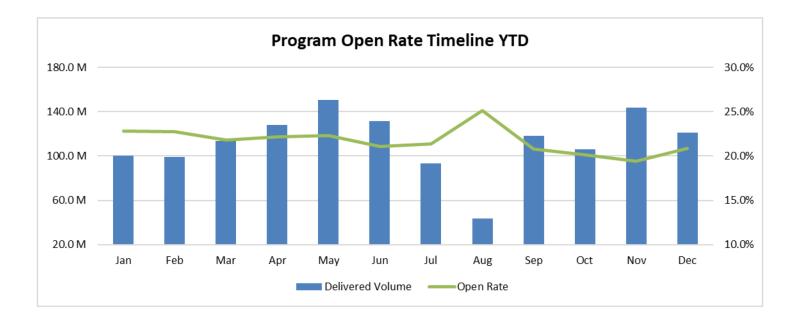
### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Offers and new openings resonated more with non-U.S. audience; additional analysis needed to validate findings across other campaigns; may want to include in scope for localization efforts
- Additional targeting needed to find the right audience for food content in Destinations and/or other campaigns; use Moments and Traveler engagement as proxy
- Refresh Wylei destinations targeting and module to accommodate regional demands and interests; creative versions as frequently used modules
- Consider approaching non-member audience with richness of offer & reminder of reasons to join (WIIFM tactic); connect with acquisition team to gain insights into marketing wins



### THANK YOU!

### SLIGHT INCREASE IN MONTHLY OPEN RATES





### PERFORMANCE BY CAMPAIGN: DEC '18

	Program	eNews	Hotel Specials	Destinations	Solo	Lifecycle	MRCC	METT
Delivered	121.1 M	16.2 M	10.2 M	13.7 M	31.3 M	.9 M	42.6 M	6.1 M
Opens	25.3 M	3.2 M	1.6 M	2.3 M	7.3 M	174.5 K	9.4 M	1.2 M
Open%	20.9%	19.9%	15.9%	17.1%	23.4%	19.1%	22.1%	19.8%
Clicks	1.2 M	392.7 K	128.6 K	83.2 K	329.7 K	28.7 K	156.3 K	31.4 K
Click%	1.0%	2.4%	1.3%	0.6%	1.1%	3.1%	0.4%	0.5%
сто%	4.5%	12.2%	8.0%	3.5%	4.5%	16.4%	1.7%	2.6%
Unsub%	0.15%	0.07%	0.15%	0.12%	0.19%	0.25%	0.17%	0.09%
Bookings	26.0 K	6.9 K	4.6 K	1.6 K	10.1 K	105	1495	1.3 K
Room Nights	57.1 K	14.8 K	10.5 K	3.5 K	22.3 K	.2 K	3.0 K	2.9 K
Revenue	\$8.5 M	\$2.3 M	\$1.6 M	\$504.7 K	\$3.3 M	\$28.8 K	\$415.7 K	\$402.5 K
Conv%	2.3%	1.8%	3.6%	1.9%	3.1%	0.4%	1.0%	4.0%
Bkngs./Dlvd. (K)	0.21	0.43	0.4	0.11	0.32	0.12	0.04	0.21



### MRCC ACQUISITION

#### FREE NIGHT AWARD OUTPERFORMS BONUS POINTS

- Engagement remained steady through re-sends even with targeting the same audience
- Low unsub rate overall shows campaign didn't harm email database
- Trend seems to point to using free nights over bonus points

#### Engagement comparison:

- Mailing 1: Nights beat Points
  - > 16% higher open rate and
  - > 11% higher CTOR
- Mailing 2: Nights beat Points
  - > 14% higher open rate and
  - > 11% higher CTOR
- Mailing 3: Nights beat Points
  - > 12% higher open rate and
  - > 13% higher CTOR

Mailing Versions	Delivered	Opens	Open Rate	Clicks	Click Rate	CTOR	Unsub.	Unsub. Rate
12/11/2018	13.9 M	3.0 M	21.7%	44.3 K	0.32%	1.47%	25.7 K	0.18%
Free Nights	10.4 M	2.3 M	22.5%	35.1 K	0.34%	1.50%	19.5 K	0.19%
75K Bonus Points	3.5 M	672.6 K	19.4%	9.1 K	0.26%	1.36%	6.2 K	0.18%
12/19/2018	13.7 M	3.0 M	21.8%	36.9 K	0.27%	1.24%	22.8 K	0.17%
Nights Re-Send 1	10.3 M	2.3 M	22.4%	29.2 K	0.28%	1.27%	17.2 K	0.17%
Points Re-Send 1	3.4 M	677.0 K	19.7%	7.7 K	0.22%	1.14%	5.6 K	0.16%
12/27/2018	13.6 M	3.0 M	22.1%	39.2 K	0.29%	1.30%	25.9 K	0.19%
Nights Re-Send 2	10.2 M	2.3 M	22.8%	31.0 K	0.30%	1.34%	19.4 K	0.19%
Points Re-Send 2	3.4 M	690.0 K	20.3%	8.2 K	0.24%	1.19%	6.5 K	0.19%
Grand Total	41.2 M	9.0 M	21.9%	120.4 K	0.29%	1.34%	74.4 K	0.18%

### WYLEI OPTIMIZATION REMINDER

- Confirm send size and engagement KPI's with Wylei prior to developing optimization
- Guidelines for DCA and Image Optimization
  - Email send size should be >1M
  - Ideally, machine learning begins with >250K opens.
  - Keep variants to 2 4 (max is 5 for the high engagement campaigns)