

Transforming Marketing Strategies in 2025

A CMOs Perspective



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Challenges Facing CMOs in 2025

Major Changes in the Marketing Landscape

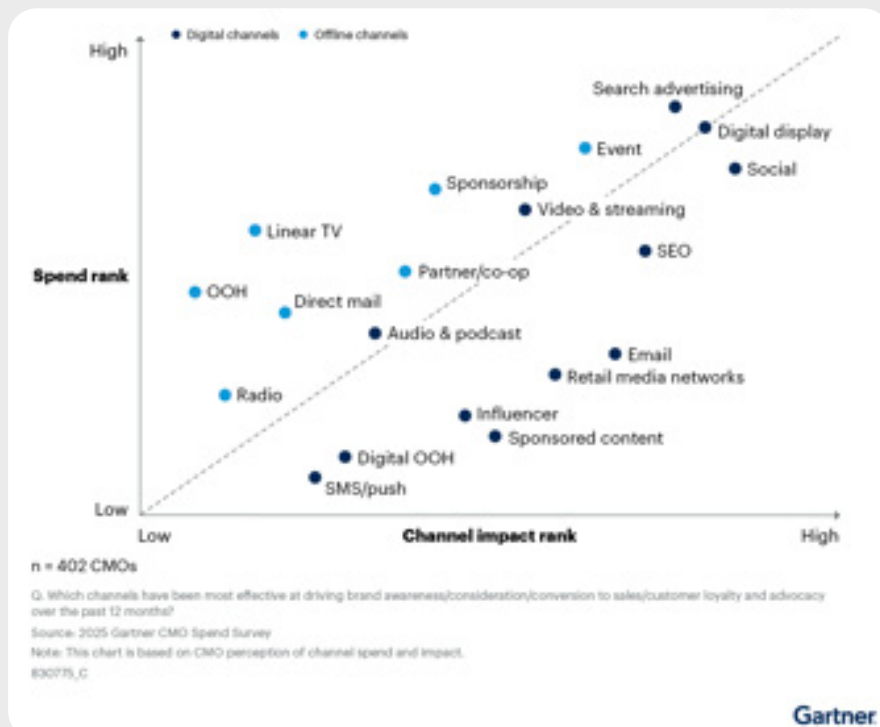
- **Gen-Z Hangouts and Channels:** Previously, only a handful of consistent channels could reach wide audiences. Now, Gen-Z has introduced dramatic shifts, engaging across unconventional digital spaces—workshops, concerts, niche fan clubs, and more.
- **Explosion of Platforms:** New platforms emerge and achieve viral status with remarkable speed, contributing to an ever-expanding media ecosystem.
- **Relevance Over Loyalty:** Today's audience prioritizes relevance over the source or endorsement. The medium and its messenger matter less than the immediate pertinence of the content to the audience.
- **Attention Span:** Capturing audience attention requires exceptional creativity. While AI can spark ideas, human ideation remains crucial for genuine engagement.
- **Media Turf:** Media is no longer defined by traditional formats like 10-second advertisements, tabloids, or syndicated print articles. The landscape now includes countless digital streams and platforms where users themselves become influential content creators and product endorsers.

2025 has presented significant challenges for most Chief Marketing Officers, who are striving to keep pace with the rapidly evolving marketing landscape. The increasing integration of AI into marketing strategies has become essential to remain competitive, all while facing immense pressure to optimize resources and reduce costs—essentially, to achieve more with less.

The drive to accelerate new strategies has led to a culture of rapid experimentation, where trying new approaches quickly and learning from both successes and failures is key. Amid these changes, CMOs face a critical challenge: identifying what works best for their business in an environment of constant disruption.

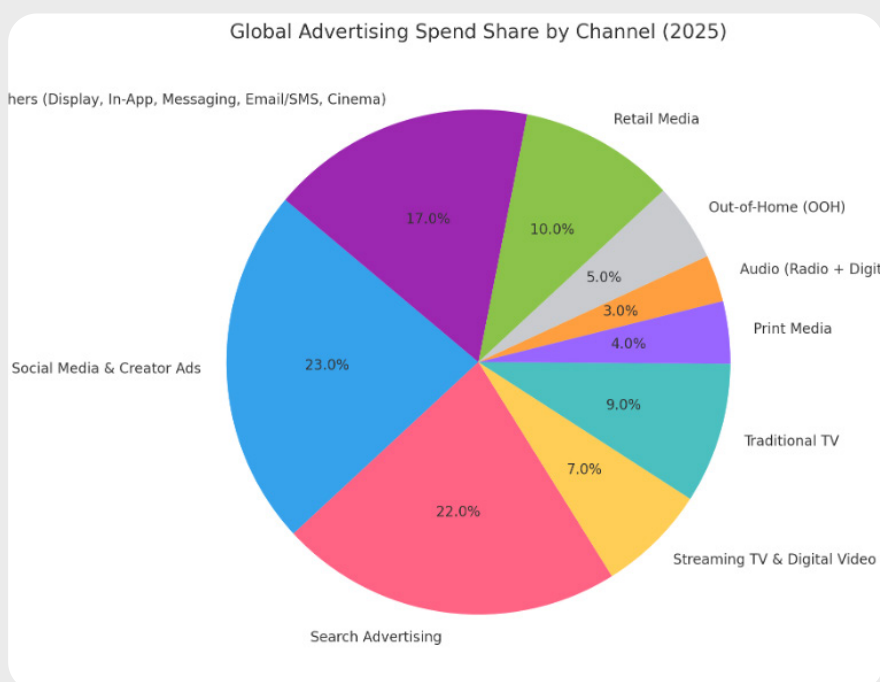
Shifting Marketing Budgets Across Channels

Channel Distribution



Across industries, marketing budgets are being reallocated among channels. Digital is steadily growing towards dominance over the coming years, while television and video remain top performers. Within digital channels, search advertising continues to lead as the most effective and preferred option.

Channel Spend



Sources: GroupM, Dentsu, WPP Media, eMarketer, Statista, PwC Global Entertainment & Media Outlook



What CMOs Need to Assess and Strategize

Marketing Media

This is the broadest part, where businesses identify the different types of media they can use (social media, digital ads, events, print, etc.).

Channels

From media selection, it narrows down to the actual distribution channels (Facebook, LinkedIn, Google Ads, email, offline retail, etc.).

Capabilities

This layer emphasizes the need to assess the organization's capabilities — tools, teams, technology, and processes — to execute effectively.

KPI's

Once capabilities are set, businesses define Key Performance Indicators to measure progress (leads generated, CTR, ROI, engagement, etc.).

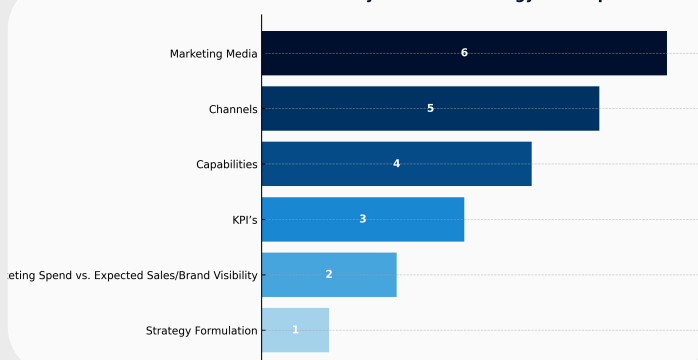
Marketing Spend vs. Expected Sales/Brand Visibility

This stage balances financial investment with anticipated returns, ensuring alignment with business goals.

Strategy Formulation

Finally, all inputs flow into the formulation of a holistic marketing strategy that is realistic, measurable, and aligned with business outcomes.

Key Areas for Strategy Development



Planning, Reach & Impact

Planning

Strategic planning involves selecting appropriate mediums and media, identifying target audiences, and focusing on conversions. This process requires brainstorming, leverage historical results, and anticipating volatility in platforms, audience behaviour, and conversion rates.



Essential Planning Components



- Medium, Media, Objective, Target Audience
- Campaign Start and End Dates
- Platform Channels
- Resources – Specific Details, Team, Target Dates
- Metrics to Track
- Allocated Budget & Work Hours
- Target Completion Dates (pre-campaign)
- Estimated Conversions
- Actual Conversions Captured
- Reporting
- Analysis (Improvements – Channels, Media, Owners, Response vs. Budgets & Conversions)
- Continuous Improvement

The Need for a Holistic Platform

Conclusion

In today's dynamic marketing environment, CMOs cannot rely solely on fragmented tools or isolated insights. With shrinking attention spans, disruptive platforms, and mounting pressure to deliver ROI, a holistic platform is essential to capture campaign effectiveness, benchmark outcomes, and align marketing initiatives with overall business objectives.



Such a platform allows CMOs to:

- Integrate and track campaigns across channels.
- Link marketing spend directly to conversions and brand visibility.
- Establish KPIs aligned with strategic goals.
- Enable continuous improvement through data-driven insights.

The future-ready CMO requires a single, unified view of marketing performance to maximize impact and sustain growth.