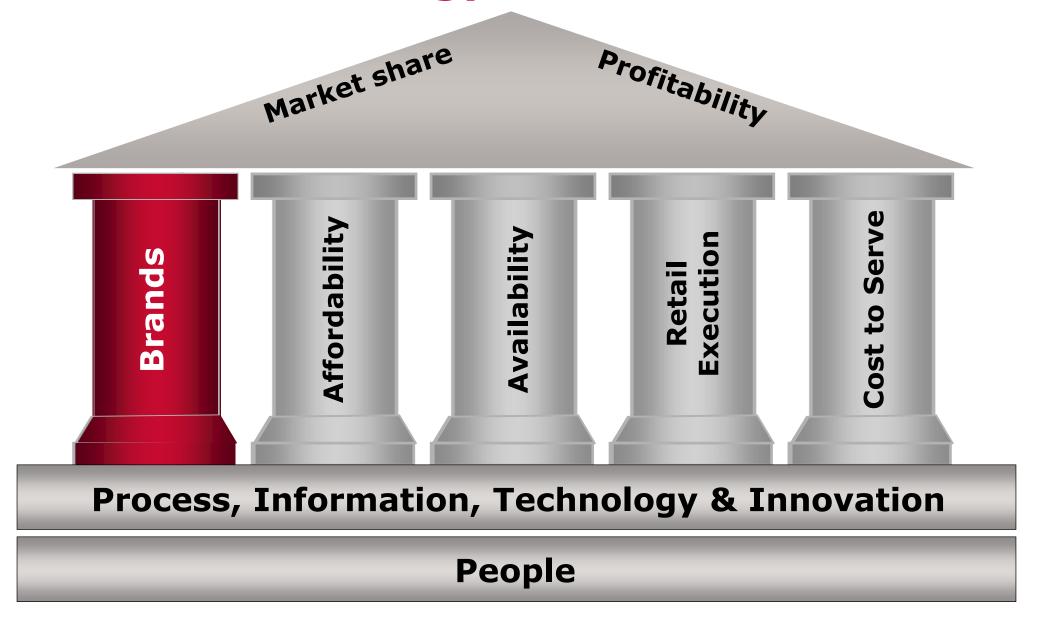


# St. Louis Investor Conference United States - Marketing Keith Levy, Vice President, Marketing United States Operations

June 2nd, 2010 St. Louis, MO

### **US Commercial Strategy**



# **Today's Consumer Base is Extremely Diverse**





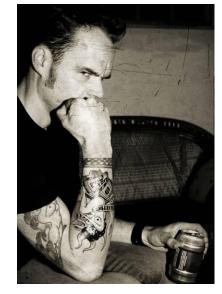
















# The Occasions in Which They Enjoy Beer is Very Diverse



















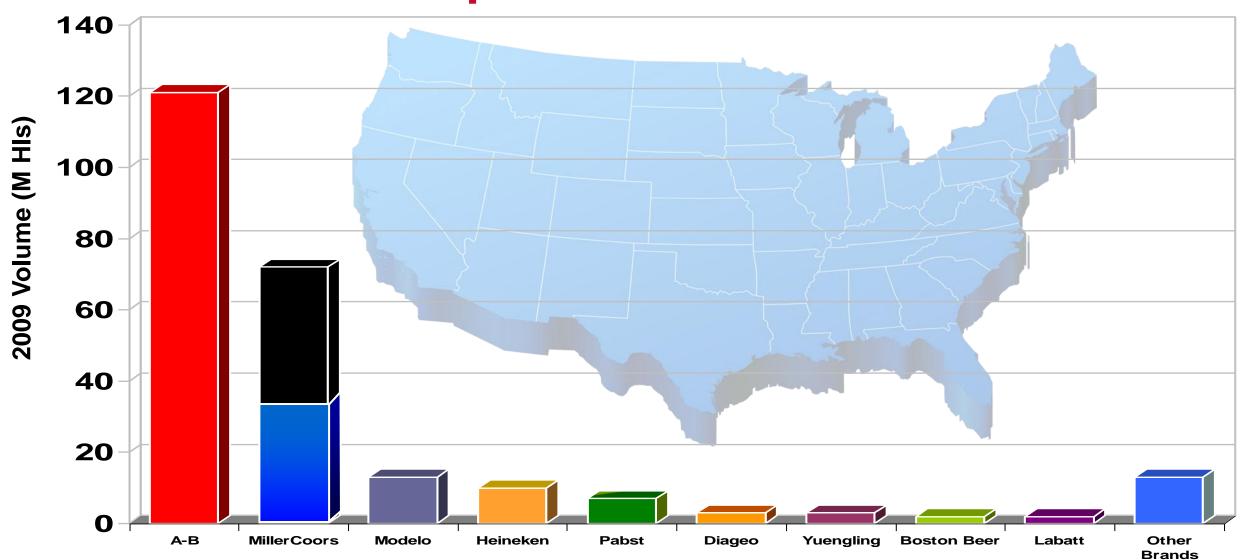


**And They Have Many Brands to Choose From** 



# **Consumers Continue to Choose AB InBev Products Over Competition**

Source: A-B InfoCell Internal Domestic Estimates



### **Four Key Reasons**



In-depth understanding of consumer demand



The strength of our portfolio



The benefit of scale



**Marketing excellence** 

#### **Dimension 1- Distinct Consumer Segments**

#### **Experimenters**

#### **Trendsetters**

#### **Aspirers**

#### Loyalists

#### **Sippers**



Beer lovers who search for a big, bold taste



Successful and trendy individuals with an active social life



Badge conscious urban/ethnic partiers on a budget



Avid sports fans who seek mainstream beer refreshment



Consumers who drink beer when situation requires it

# **Dimension 2 – Consumers Grouped by Palate Preference**











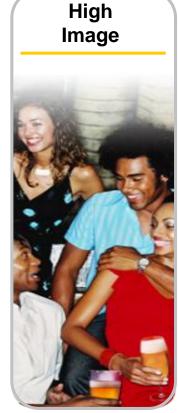
### **Dimension 3 - Occasions/Need States**

Occasions / Need States













# In-depth understanding of consumer demand

	Segments ————				
	Multi-Category			More U.S. Beer	Less Beer
1	Experimenters	Trendsetters	Aspirers	Loyalists	Sippers
2 Ideal Beer →	Import & Craft			Full Bodied & Light American	Light American Sweet
High Image Outdoor Refreshment	More Multi-Category  More U.S. Beer  Less Beer				
Sports Need Companion States Casual Relaxation					
Let's Eat  Intimate Social					

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**Premium Lights** 



**Sub-premium Brands** 



Premium Brands



**Import Brands** 



**Craft Brands** 

Budweiser is the #1 selling beer in the US premium regular segment





**Import Brands** 









**Premium Lights** 



**Sub-premium Brands** 



Premium Brands



**Import Brands** 



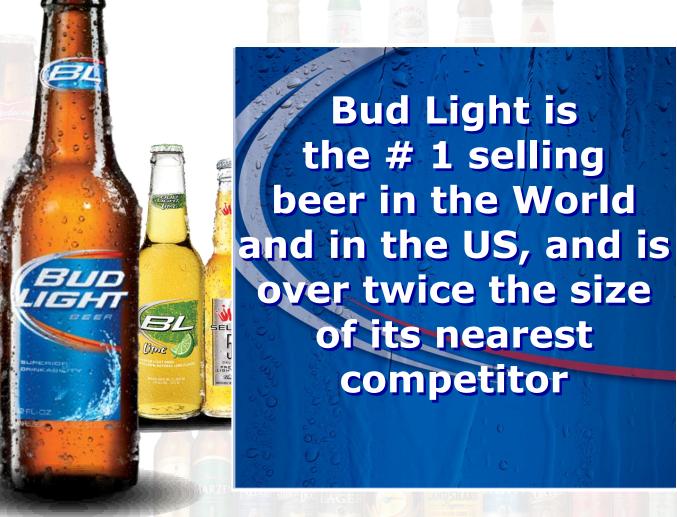
**Craft Brands** 



**Premium Lights** 



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**Import** 

**Brands** 



**Premium Lights** 



**Sub-premium Brands** 



Premium Brands



**Import Brands** 



**Craft Brands** 





Natural Light is the #1 selling beer in the sub-premium light segment

**Sub-Premium Brands** 



**Premium Lights** 



**Sub-premium Brands** 



Premium Brands



**Import Brands** 



**Craft Brands** 



#2 craft beer portfolio in the U.S. - and growing

#### **Over 90% of Resources Spent on Four Focus Brands**



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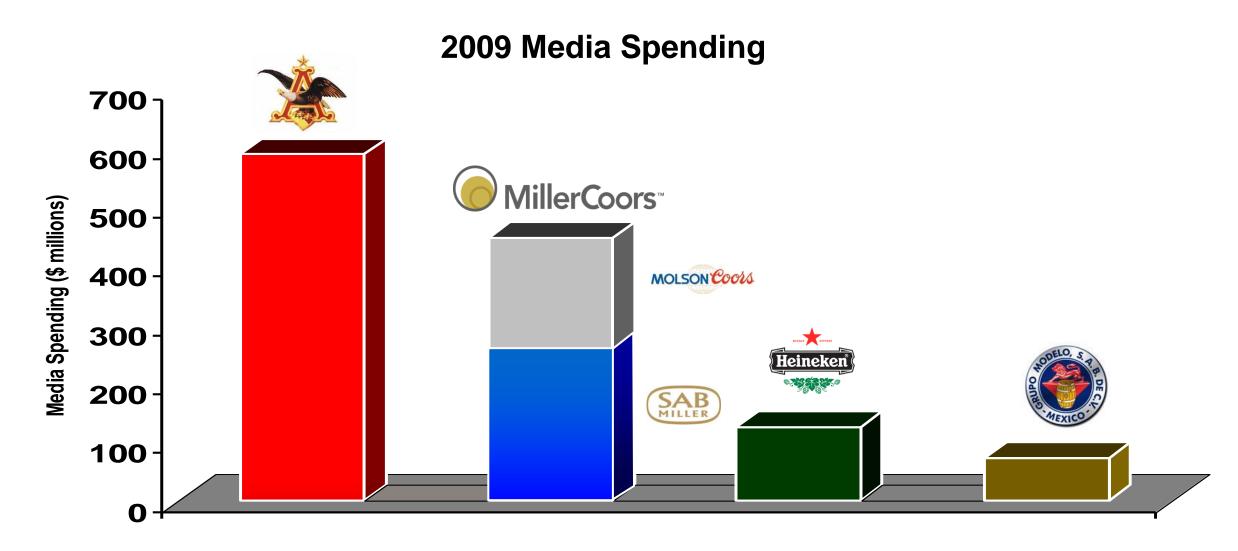


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## **Scale – Ability to Build Brands**



#### Scale - "The Best of the Best"



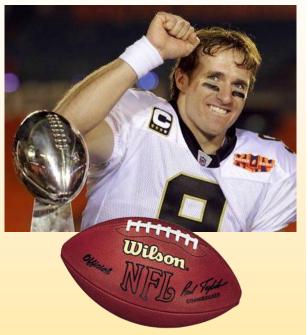


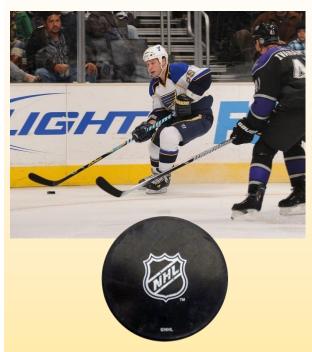










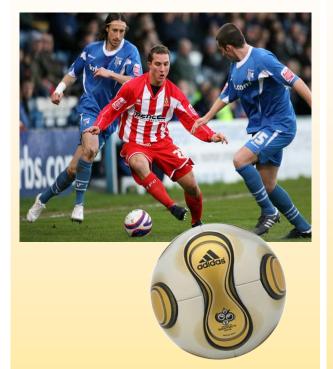




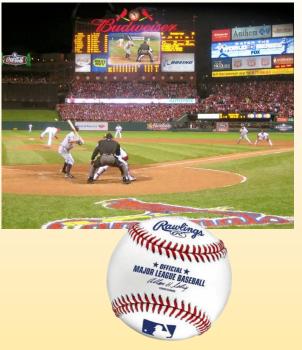
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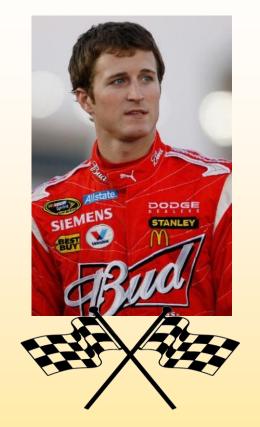


















#### Scale - "The Best of the Best"











Michelob

#### Scale - "The best of the best"



















#### Scale - "The best of the best"





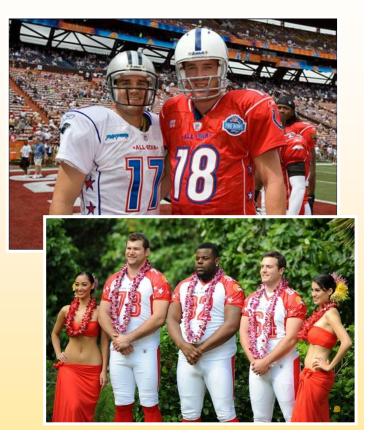


## **Full Rights to Key NFL Assets**

- Exclusive NFL properties
- Super Bowl Beer Exclusivity 2012-2014 currently in negotiations
- ▶ Rights to 28 of the 32 teams











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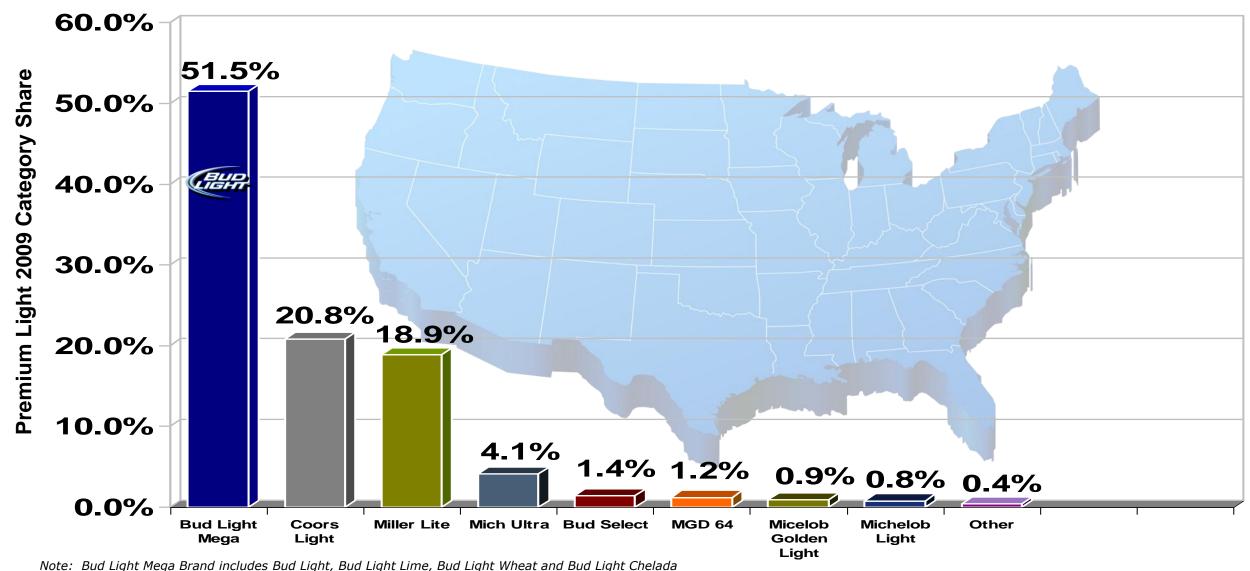
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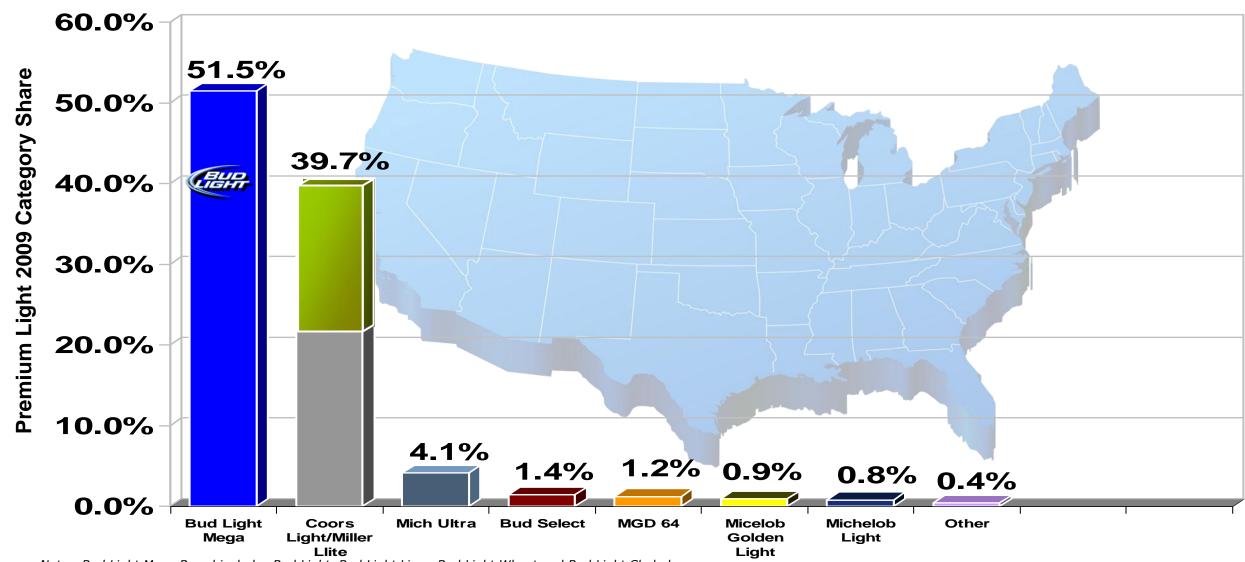
### **Bud Light in the Premium Light Category**



Note: Bud Light Mega Brand includes Bud Light, Bud Light Lime, Bud Light Wheat and Bud Light

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# **Industry Challenges**

- 1. Soft economy/consumer trade down
- 2.Immigration Impact
- 3. Unemployment

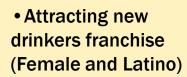
We focus on what we can control to continue to lead the premium light category



# **Bud Light Mega Brand Strategy**





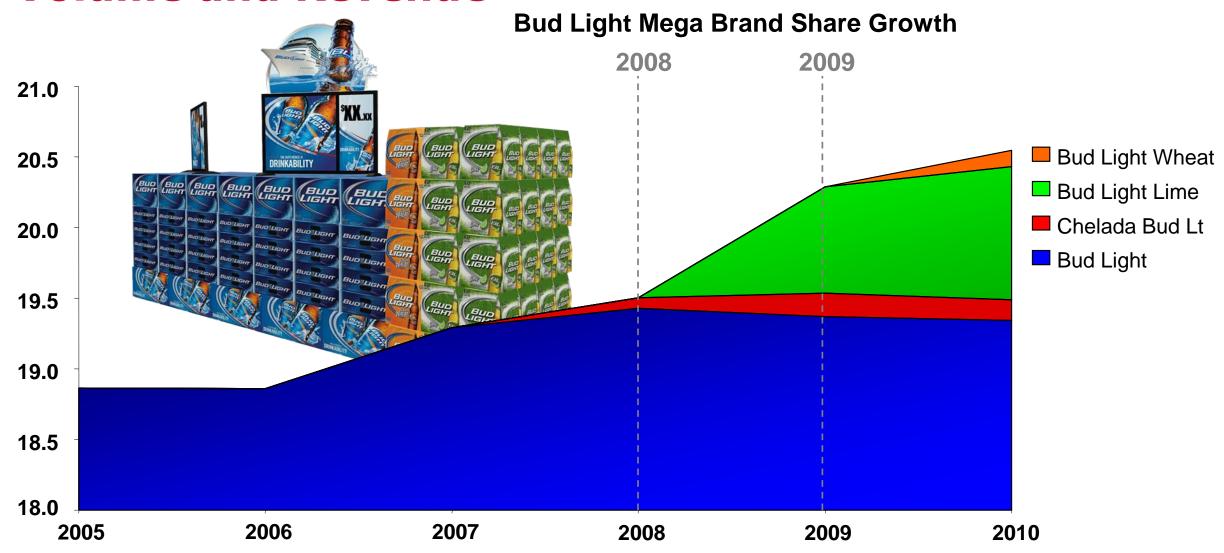


• 130% price index

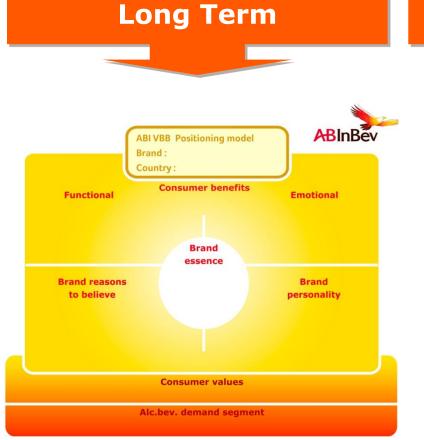




# **Bud Light Mega Brand Strategy...Growing Share, Volume and Revenue**



# **Bud Light**



Building enduring bonds with consumers

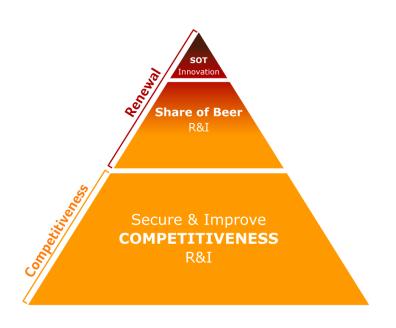
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Yearly

Activating effective consumer connections in a resourceful way

Brand Essence





Staying contempory and driving future topline growth

# **Bud Light**















# 360° Marketing Approach













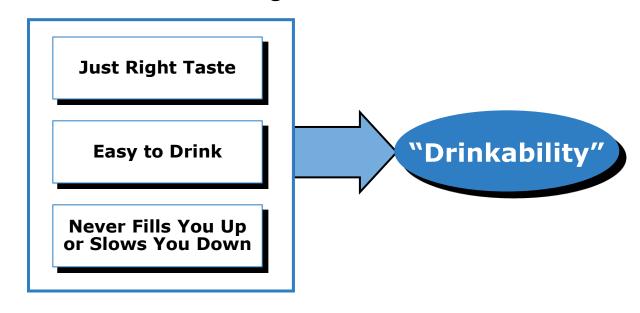
# **Bud Light Creative Messaging**

#### **Differentiating Product Benefits**

- Rational product benefit
  - Bud Light owned and leveraged emotive brand associations like good times, party, humor
  - Our differentiating product benefit had never been thoroughly identified and communicated
  - We identified three product benefits
  - All three benefits were delivered in the "drinkability" messaging

	Drinkability		
Competitor #1	More Taste Lower Carbs		
Competitor #2	Cold Rocky Mountain Water		

#### **Product Benefits Sought**



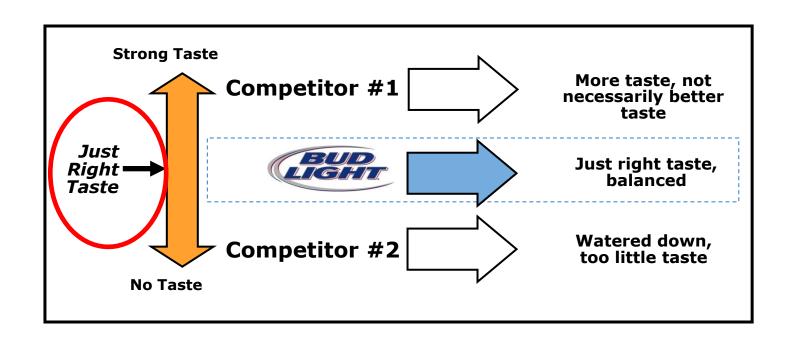


# **Bud Light Creative Messaging**

- Drinkability Ads were relevant and believable but not as entertaining
  - Effectively communicated brand associations, but the message was less engaging
- Evolved messaging into how Bud Light makes drinkability superior
  - Just Right Taste

#### **Product Benefits Sought**







# **Bud Light Creative Messaging**

- Too Heavy / Too Light ads effectively communicated the "just right taste"
  - more entertaining, but <u>not</u> as closely tied to Bud Light's positioning
- What we needed was a "Bud Light Campaign" not a "Drinkability Campaign"
- Drinkability is a <u>benefit</u> that allows Bud Light to own this positioning



# **Advertising Evolution**

**Drawing Board Definition** 







"What Drinkability Means"

Heavy/Light Execution Separation/Relevance









"How Bud Light makes Drinkability Superior"

Here We Go Loyalty







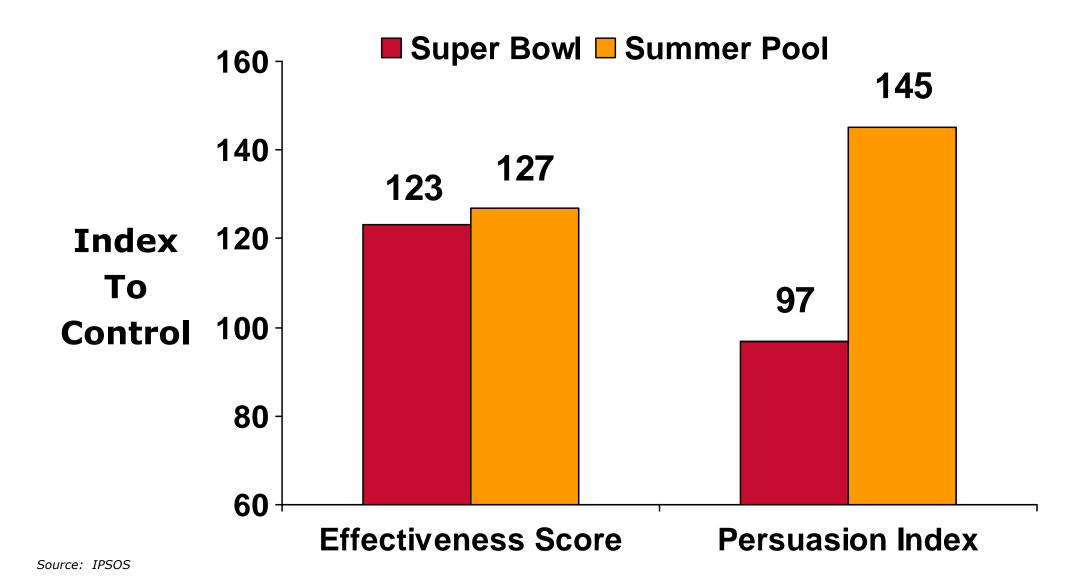


"Bud Light Makes Good Times Better Because of Drinkability





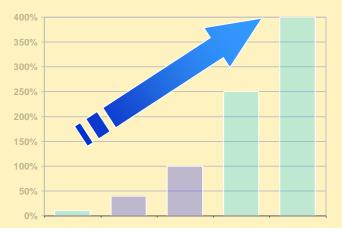
# **Bud Light Pre-Ad Testing**



# **Communication - Digital**

BUD

Over 400% increase in digital spending in the past 5 years



CHERE WE GO

Largest beer brand on Facebook (currently 41% larger fan base than Coors Light)



- RFID tagging
  - Targeted consumer messaging
  - Incentives tied to 'check in'
  - Branded events, venues, retail on/off premise

- Megaphone
  - Interactive signage
  - Engage mass audiences
  - Brand events and music venues





# **Experiential - Events**

# BUD

#### **Port Paradise**

- Two cruise ships set sail for Bahamas
- Heavy digital components

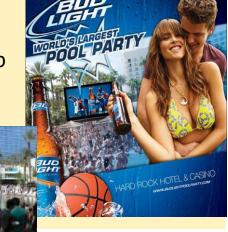






#### **World's Largest Pool Party**

- Opening weekend of NCAA tourney in Las Vegas
- New Hard Rock Hotel Beach Club



#### **Bud Light Hotel**

- Miami, Super Bowl 2010
- Full hotel takeover
- Exclusive parties
- Usher, Jamie Foxx



#### **Shoot for the Championship**

- On-trade basketball-themed promo
- National Finals in Las Vegas during NCAA Final Four weekend
- Winners compete for prizes







### **Port Paradise**

#### **Experiential**



On Ship



**Private Island Concert** 



**Creative** 







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**Internet & Mobile** 

#### Consumption



**On-Premise** 















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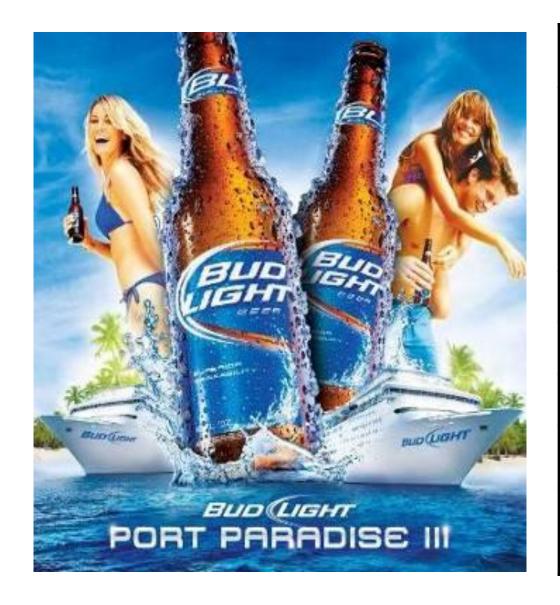




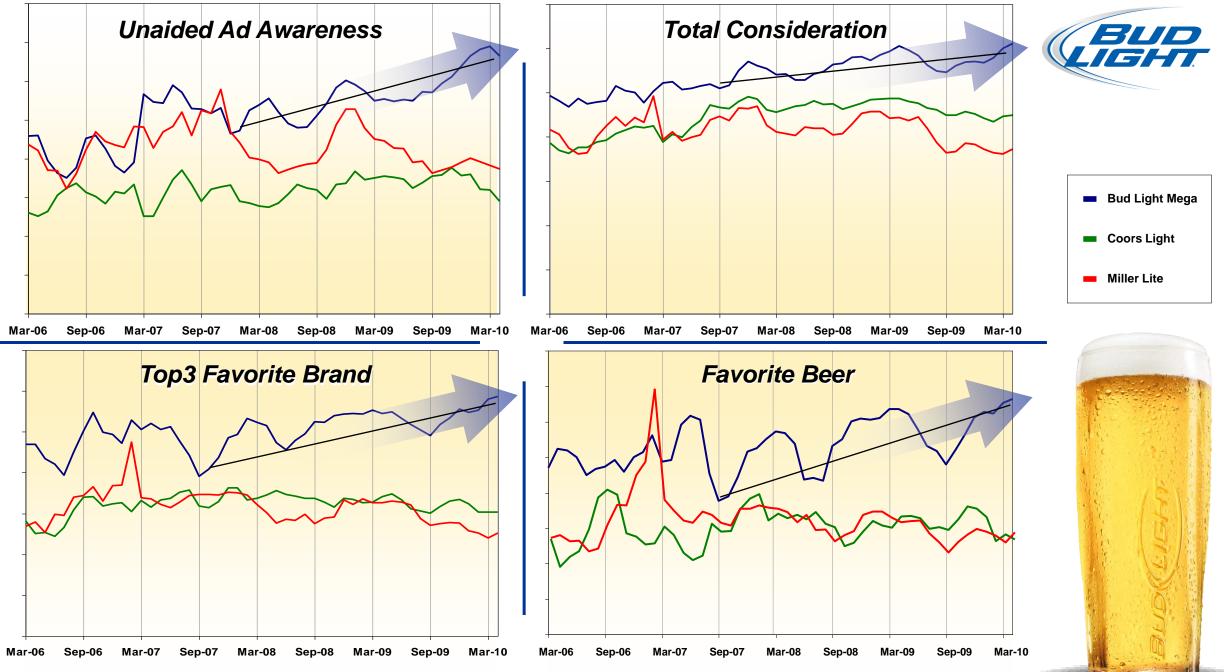




## **Port Paradise - Results**



CRITERIA	MEASURE		
Online Media Impressions Yahoo, MySpace, Facebook, weather, The Onion, ESPN	1.2 billion +		
Page Views	3 million		
Unique Visitors	571,000		
Avg Time Spent	4.64 minutes		
Web/Mobile Entries	202,000		
On Premise Promotions	4,700 +		

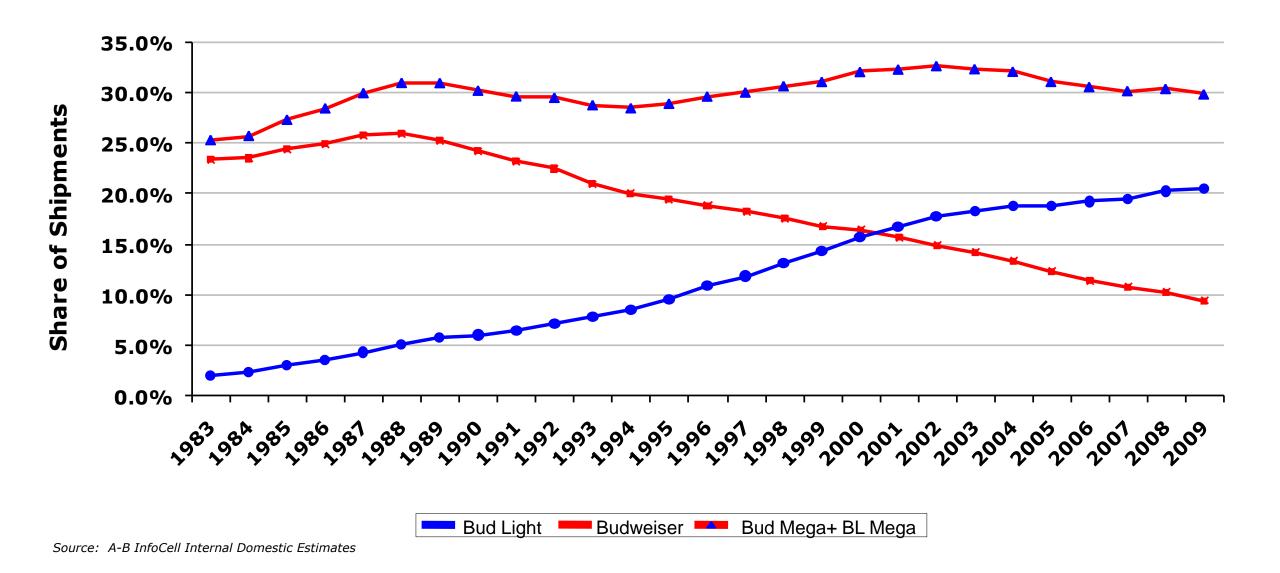


Source: Synovate Brand Performance Tracking



# **Our Challenge: Declining Share and Sales**

▶ Budweiser & Bud Light Share of Shipment Performance



# **Identifying the Problem**

#### **Changing consumer palate**



#### **Variety of additional reasons**

- Not recruiting new consumers into franchise
- 2 Innovation going to other brands
- Likeable, not persuasive and inconsistent advertising

# **Likeable Ads But Not Persuasive**

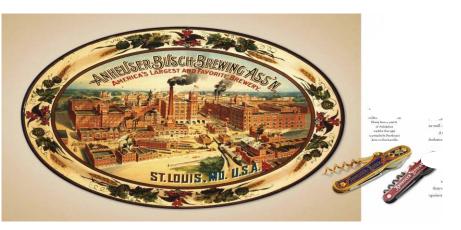


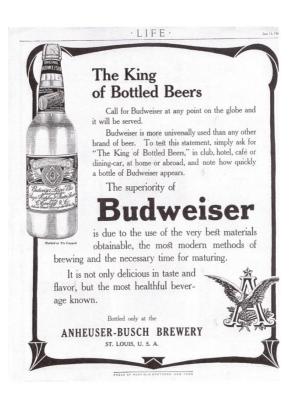
# What's Working for the Brand?

- ▶ One of the World's Most Iconic Brands
  - Flagship of Anheuser–Busch
- Definition of "American Beer"
  - Loved by American Beer Drinkers
- Represents brewing heritage in America
  - Originated in 1876









# What's Working...Great Assets



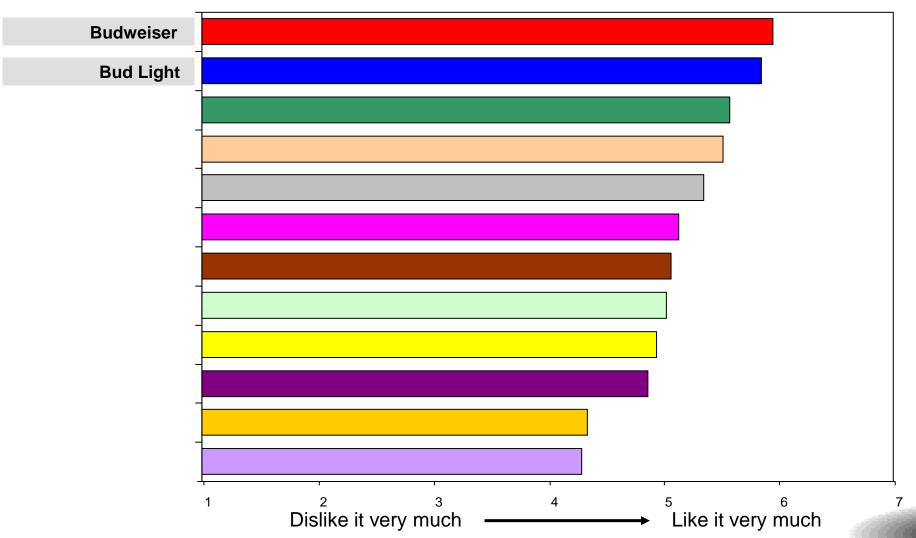


What's Working...Unmistakable Brand Identity



# What's Working...Best Liquid in the Industry

Budweiser is the most preferred beer in America





Source: CPT USA, November 2008







# Celebration & Optimism in a Bottle





## **Creative**



It's what we do.







**Break From the Past, Unlock a New Future** 

ASSUME OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE MINDS OF THE AUDIENCE

# Budweiser is

A powerful icon of optimism.
A champion of opportunity.
A force that bonds people together.
With unmatched product excellence.

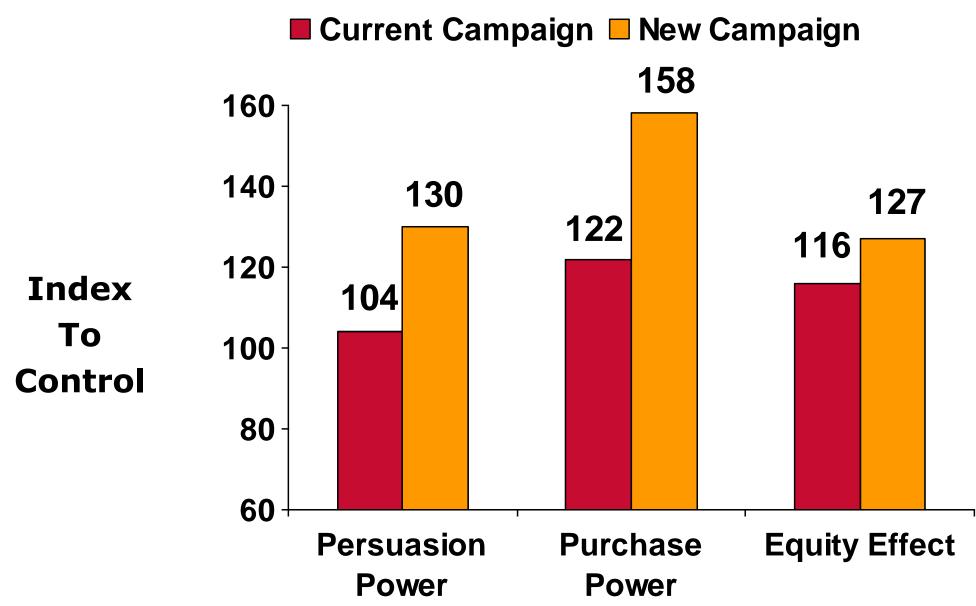


CREATE A DEEPER, MORE
MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP
WITH OUR AUDIENCE





# **Advertising Effectiveness**





# Opportunity in High End...\$3.6 Billion Margin We Have \$300 Million



**Growing & Highest** 

SubPremium Regular	SubPremium Light		nium Jular	Premium Light	Super Prem	Total Imports	Other High End
All Other	All Other	All C	Other			All Other	
						Diageo Hein/FEMSA	All Other
MillerCoors							
						Modelo	Diageo Boston
AB InBev			MillerCoors			MillerCoors	
						AB InBev	AB InBev
% Industry Volume	15%	11%	14%	37%	3%	6 13%	7%

Source: A-B InfoCell Internal Domestic Estimates

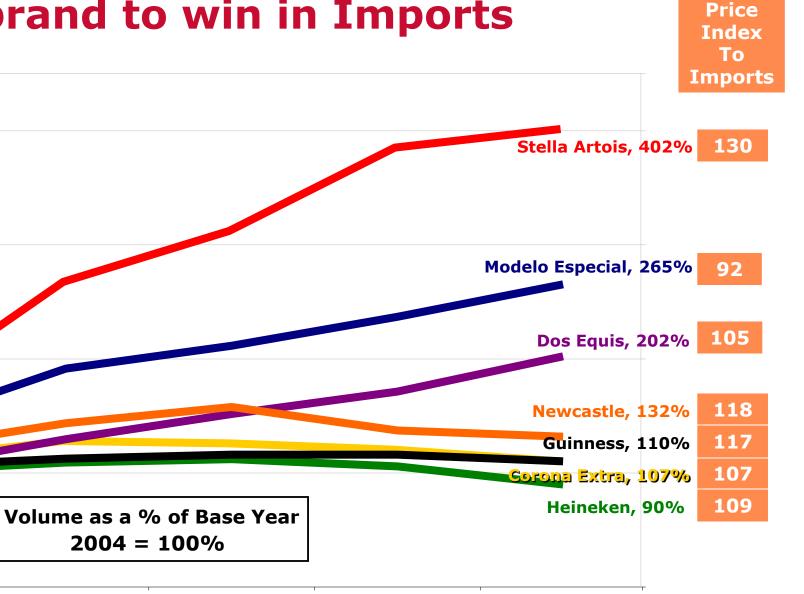
**Strength of Our Portfolio** Leffe. STELLA ARTOIS withier-bière blanche LEUVEN BLONDE · BLON **Import Brands** 



2006

2007

2005



2009

2008

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450%

400%

350%

300%

250%

200%

**150%** 

100%

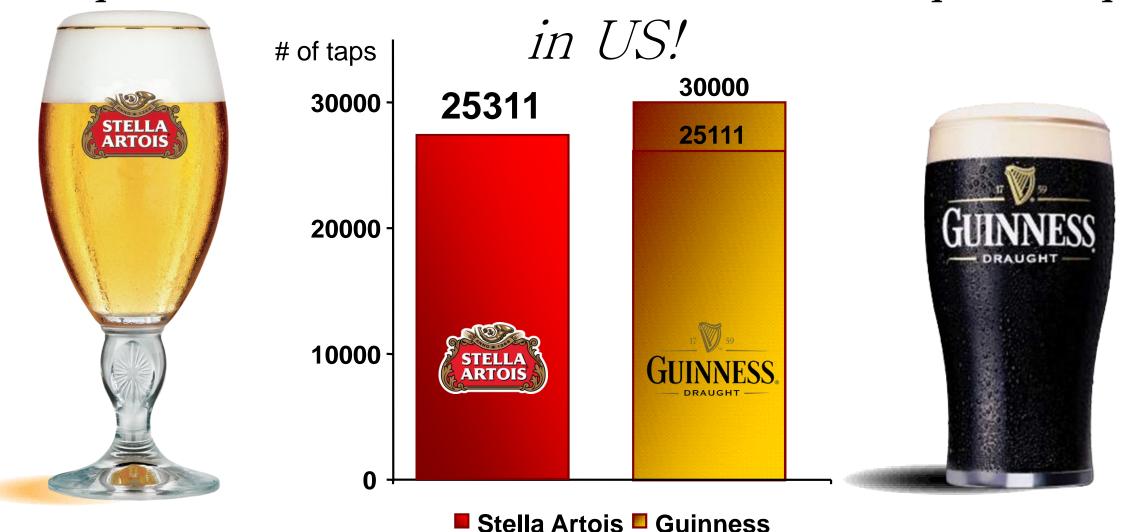
**50%** 

0%

**Volume Growth Index** 

#### **New News!!!**

Surpassed Guinness ···#1 in total import taps



Source: WARES May 2010

## **Stella Artois**





**Quest for Genuine Worth** 

### "Refined"

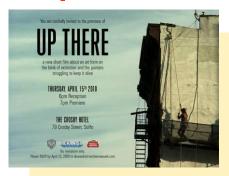








#### **Experiential**

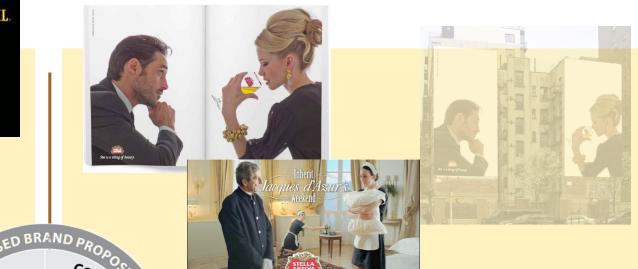










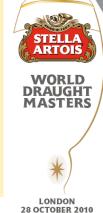






**Consumption Experiences** 

























# **Non-traditional Marketing Approach**





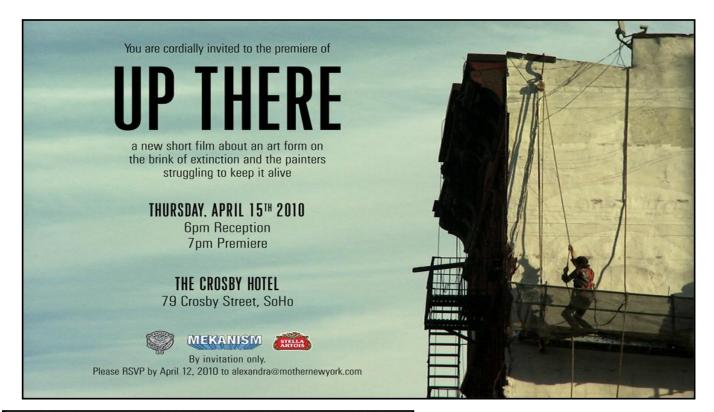
## Wall Paint Project - The Ritual

- Chose the lost art of wall painting to illustrate the 9step Belgium Pouring Ritual
- Painted all 9 steps over 21 days on a 20' x 50' brick building in NYC
- Documented all 21 days by filming the painters 24 hours a day and posted to www.theritualproject.com



#### The Film

- We then produced a short documentary film of the process
- Premiere invites sent via press kits... paint cans with a chalice, and invite to screening
- Film premiered April 15, 2010 at The Crosby Hotel to an audience of 100 press and key influencers
- Film has been entered into various competitions and film festivals







#### The Buzz

Coverage by Wall Street Journal, NY Times, Huffington Post, AdWeek, Creativity, Boards, MediaBistro

Coverage by hundreds of blogs

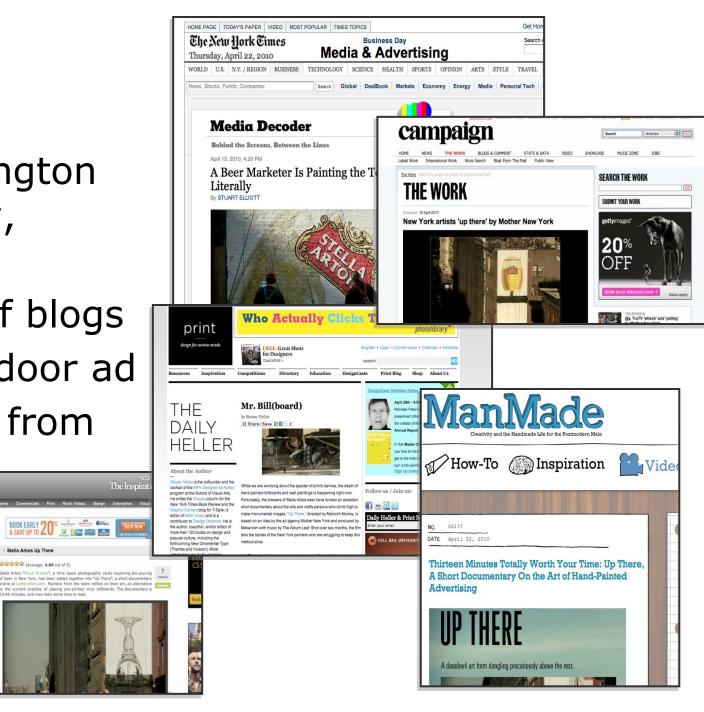
OBIE award for best outdoor ad

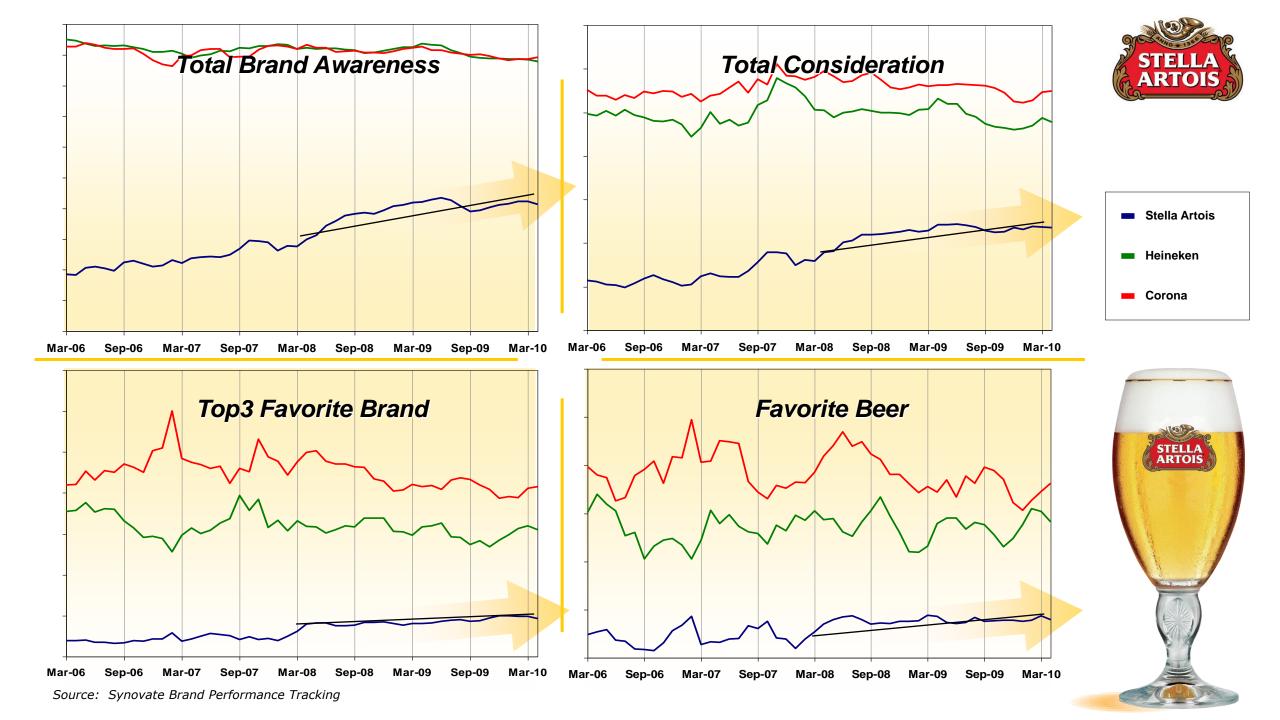
25,419 visits in 4 weeks from

104 countries









## **Summary**

- Marketing remains a strength at AB InBev
- Leading portfolio with strong brands stronger because of the combination – and focused
- Global methodology / process and local application
- Approach is to strike the right balance between art & science
- Leveraging scale to create the most "noise" and ultimately the best consumer connection



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