

## **AIF Next Generation Research** 2015











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#### **Presentation Outline**



- ✓ Study Methodology
- Questionnaire Content
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  - ✓ Media habits
  - ✓ Timeshare perception/advocacy
  - ✓ Future purchase intent
  - √ Vacation planning
  - ✓ Messaging
- Moving forward
- ✓ Final thoughts





## Methodology – 3 Stages



- 1. Qualitative Focus Groups (late 2013)
- 2. In-Depth Interviews (late 2014)
- 3. Online Survey
  - 2,438 respondents (Feb 27<sup>th</sup> March 11<sup>th</sup>) 32 minutes, among the following groups of respondents:

	Age	Owners	Non-Owners
Millennials	(22-33)	n=302	n=607
Younger Generation X	(34-44)	n=251	n=512
Older Generation X	(45-54)	n=256	n=510





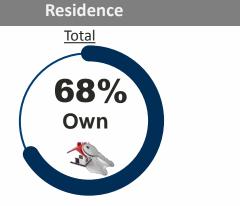
# Demographics (Total Respondents)





<u>Millennial</u>	Younger Gen X	Older Gen X

Married	52%	63%	58%
Single	37%	19%	15%
Divorced/Widowed	2%	8%	15%





Children in H/Hold %	52%	70%	40%



Millennial







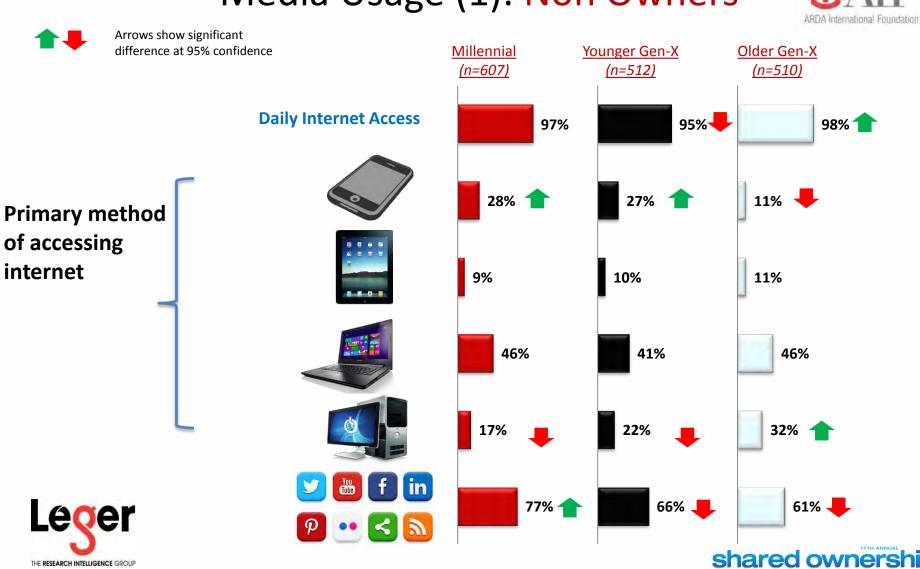
Average Income \$	\$73k	\$86k	\$81k
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## Media Usage (1): Non Owners



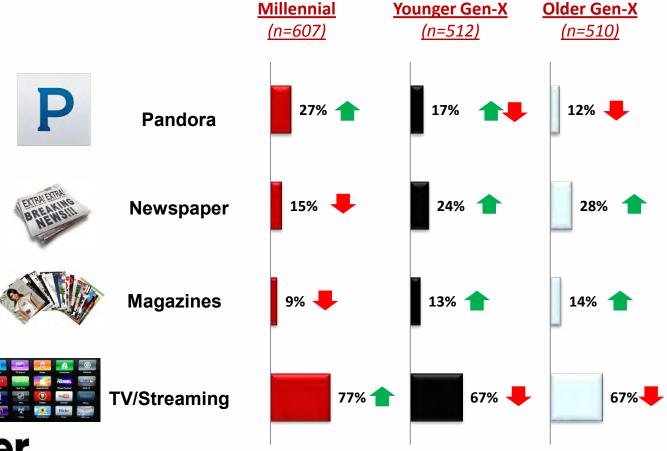


## Media Usage (2): Non Owners





Arrows show significant difference at 95% confidence

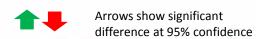






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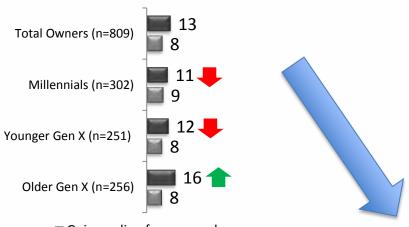






## **Hours Spent Online in a Typical Week: Personal Use and Professional Use**

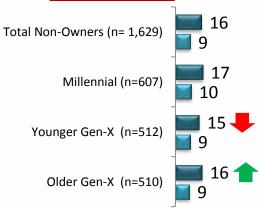
## (Mean) **Owners**



- Going online for personal reasons
- Going online for professional reasons

49% Personal 28% Professional 23% Social Media/Apps

#### Non – Owners



- Going online for personal reasons
- Going online for professional reasons

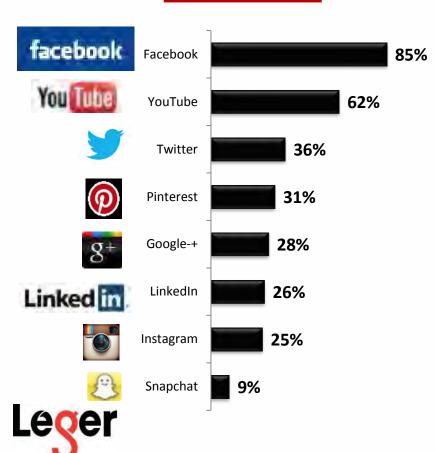




## Social Media Usage







THE RESEARCH INTELLIGENCE GROUP

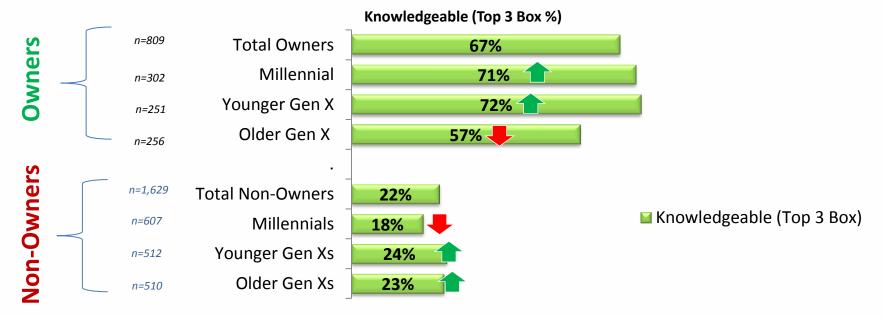
<u>Millennial</u> (n=607)	<u>Younger Gen-X</u> (n=512)	Older Gen-X (n=510)
90%	85% –	78% –
68%	61%	55% 👢
38%	38%	31%
39%	27%	25% 👢
26%	31%	29%
22%	27%	30%
36%	22%	16% 🖊
17%	5%	4% 👢



## **Knowledge of Timeshare**



- Millennial and Younger Gen X Owners claim to be the most knowledgeable about Timeshare, significantly higher than the Older Gen X'ers.
- However, Non-Owning Millennials are currently behind the curve.



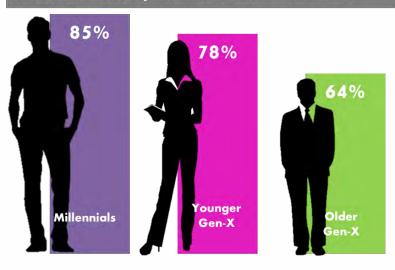




## Timeshare Perception (1)



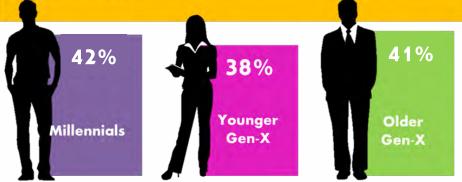
Among Owners, Younger Timeshare owners have a significantly more positive perception of the Timeshare industry than both Older Gen X'ers.



#### **OWNERS**

#### **NON-OWNERS**

Among Non-Owners, perception is relatively flat and universally lower than for the corresponding owner groups.

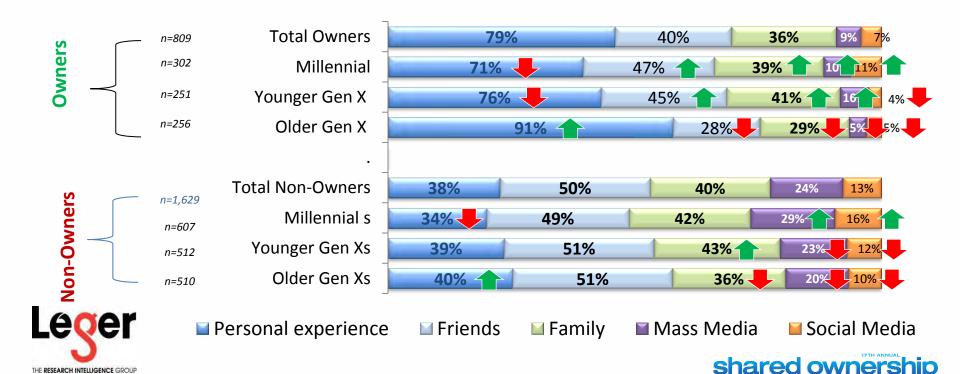




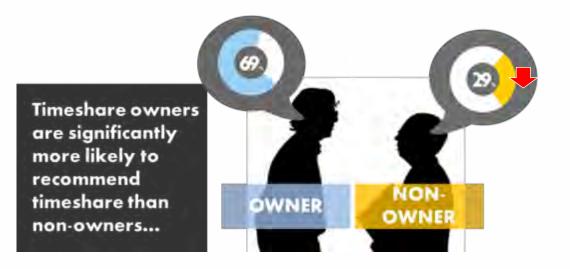
## Timeshare Perception Basis



- More than 9/10 Older Gen X Owners form their Timeshare opinions based upon personal experience.
- Younger Owners are guided much more by their peer groups friends and family!
- Non-Owners are more likely to have views based upon friends and family, with 'mass media's' influence still at 24%.



\* Multiple responses are allowed: percentages will sum to more than 100%





#### **Non- Owners advocacy**

Older Gen-X are also less likely to be advocates than Millennials and Younger Gen-X, although the differences are minimal...

Among owners, Older Gen-X owners are less likely to be advocates than Millennials and Younger Gen-X



Current **Older Gen X Owners** are not the ideal advocates.

However, Millennial and Younger Gen X Owners need to be the flag bearers for the Timeshares they own and love!



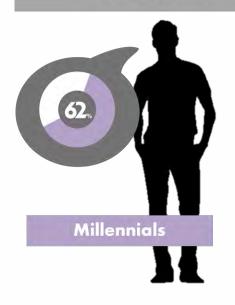
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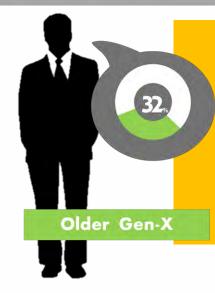


#### **Future Timeshare Purchase**



Millennials are more open to buying another Timeshare in the future.





...but Older Gen-X Owners ARE significantly less likely to consider purchasing a timeshare than Millennials and Younger Gen-X.

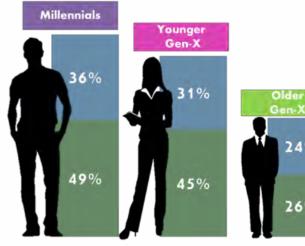




## Owners / Non-Owners **Future Purchase Intent**



Among Owners, not only are Millennials most likely to buy a timeshare in the future, they are also more definite in their likelihood when compared to other owner groups.





Probable purchase Definitely purchase

#### **OWNERS**



#### **NON-OWNERS**

Among Non-Owners, only one in ten Millennials/younger Gen-Xers have a definitive intent to purchase a timeshare in the future.



#### **Owners**

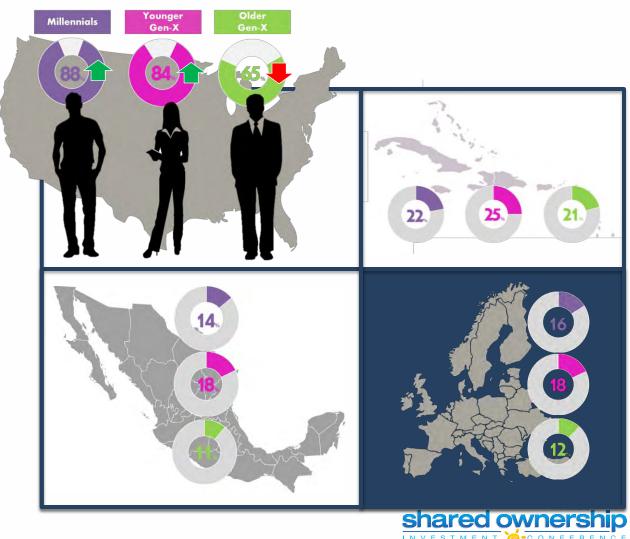




Among **Owners**, the **United States** is the most preferred location for future timeshare, followed by the **Caribbean**, **Mexico** and **Europe**.

However, Millennials and Older Gen X'ers prefer Europe to Central America!





#### **Future Vacation Plans:**

### Future Timeshares? (Among those interested)



- Current Older Gen X Owners are significantly less likely to look for domestic Timeshare purchases.
- Outside the US, the Caribbean leads the way for a potential future purchase of a timeshare.
- Similar to Owners, among Millennial Non-Owners, there is a higher interest to purchase a unit in Europe than a location in Mexico.

#### **Location of Future Timeshare**

(Among those who are definitely/probably/somewhat likely to purchase a timeshare in the future)

	Total Owners	Millennial	Younger Gen. X	Older Gen. X	Total Non- Owners	Millennial	Younger Gen X	Older Gen X
n=	720	295	237	188	1,446	561	449	436
<b>United States</b>	79%	88% 🛨	84%	65%	83%	85%1	81% <b>₹</b>	81% <del> </del>
Caribbean	23%	22%🛨	25%	21%	28%	29%🛨	29%	24%₹
Mexico	14%	14%	18%	11%╇	12%	12%	14% 👚	10%₹
Europe	15%	16%	18%	12%	18%	22%	16%₹	14%₹
Asia	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	8% 🕇	5%	3% 🖊

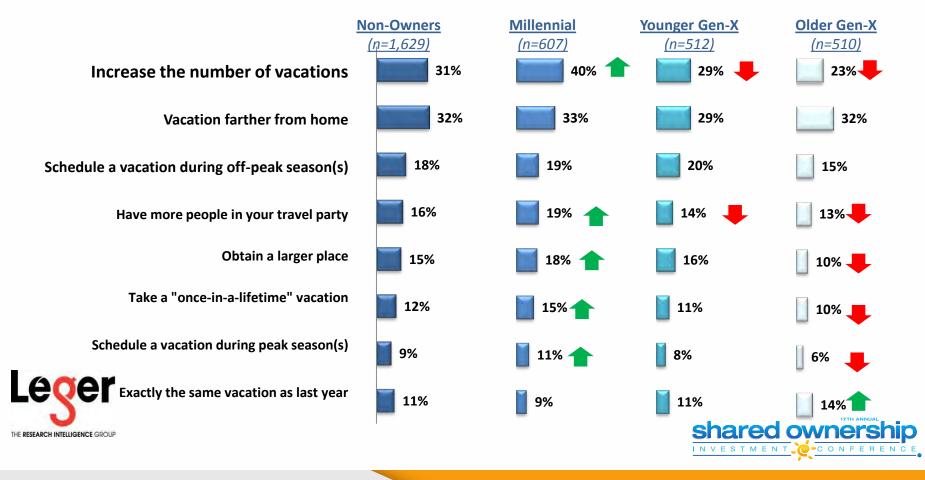




# Non-Owners Future Vacation Plans: How do travel plans differ from 2014?

- Millennials are significantly more likely to expand vacationing in 2015!
- They are also significantly more likely to want to travel in larger parties, and obtain larger accommodation!

#### How will 2015 Vacation Plan Differ from 2014



# Non-Owners Future Vacation Plans: Number of trips?



Millennial Non-Owners are planning on more vacations than Gen X'ers!

2015 Vacation Planning	Mean # Vacations Planned	Planning To Visit Florida	Planning To Visit California
Total Non-Owners	2.7	18%	11%
Millennials (n=607)	3.0	18%	12%
Younger Gen-X	2.5	16%	12%
Older Gen-X	2.4 👢	19%	9%





## Non-Owners Future Vacation Plans:

How will they book?



(through resort/airline)





Younger Gen Xers



Older Gen Xers



Online travel site





57%**+** 

49% -

Booking.com

travelocity\*

37% 🖊

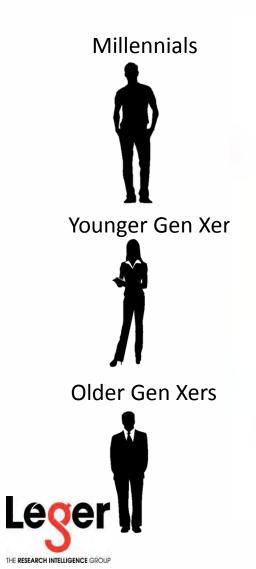
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44%



### Non-Owners Future Vacation Plans:

Research/Reviews





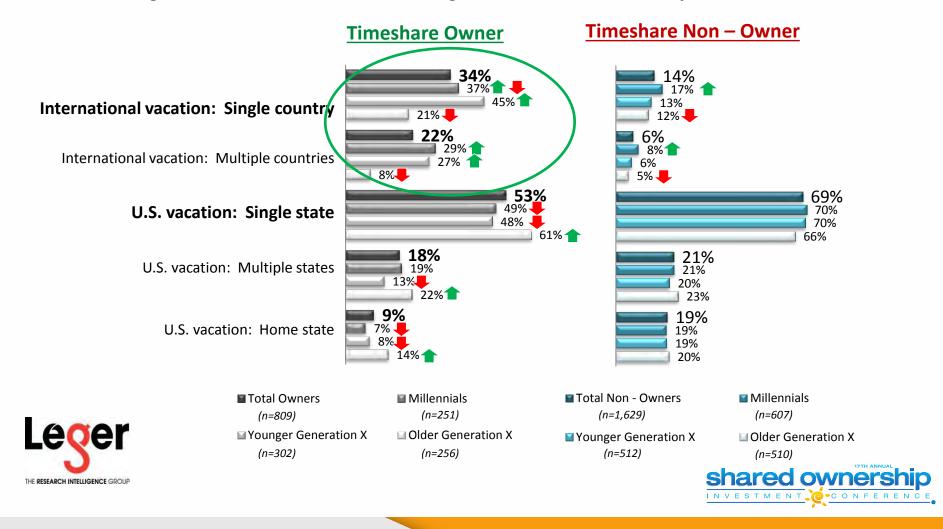
shared owners

## Future Vacation Plans: Destination in 2015?



More than half of Timeshare Owners still want a 'single state' vacation, however...

Owners want to go abroad...with Millennials/Younger Gen X headed to multiple countries.



### **Non-Owners - Communication:**

How should you contact them? – Most preferred



Millennials		UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:	
	55% 👚	20%-	<b>6%</b>
Younger Gen Xers	50%	28%	4%
Older Gen Xers	48% –	33%	2%-



## Non-Owners - Communication:

#### Messaging – QUIZ TIME!



- A. "You can stay at a quality resort anywhere you choose."
- B. "You can save money on future vacations by owning a Timeshare."
- C. "Owning a Timeshare will encourage you to vacation more regularly."
- D. "Timeshare is your home away from home."



## Non-Owners - Communication;

Messaging – **Top 5** messages





You can stay at a quality resort, anywhere you choose



You can stay at a luxurious resort, anywhere you choose



Timeshare resorts offer **flexible vacationing** in a **variety of locales** around the **United States and all over the world** 



You can save money on future vacations by owning a Timeshare



Through an **exchange program**, you can go on **different types of vacations** every year, including cruises

...and amazingly, there was no difference between Millennials and Gen X'ers!



## Non-Owners - Communication

Messaging – **Bottom 3 messages** 





Timeshare is your home away from home!



Owning a Timeshare will encourage you to vacation more regularly



Through an exchange program, you can stay at a different resort within the same resort family

...and again, there was no difference between Millennials and Gen X'ers!



## Future Timeshare - Conjoint

#### **CRITICAL**



**Destination** 



**Number of years** 

4.99%



**VITAL** 



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Cost to own/buy the Timeshare



Sleeping capacity

#### **NECESSARY**





Purchase Option – Tour / Online



**Exit strategy** 





**Type of Timeshare** 





## Moving forward...



- 1. Millennial and Younger Gen X Owners are very similar, so treat them that way!
- 2. These two groups are the Timeshare industry's **biggest advocates**.
- 3. Millennial Non-Owners are their own segment, and they are ready to consider buying Timeshare.
- 4. The Next Generation are a visual generation.
- 5. Millennials want to travel the world.
- 6. Ensure that messaging is on point for the FUTURE market of potential Timeshare owners. Quality. Value. Choice.
- 7. Guarantee that booking is easy for Non-Owners. Website.
- 8. Mobile is gaining in importance. Mobile site.
- 9. Everyone is still looking for a vacation deal...
- 10. ...so develop Timeshare products that are going to appeal to either sides of the generation gap.
- 11. Contact ARDA's Darla Zanini and Lan Wang to find out more about this exciting and important AIF research, before it's too late!

