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GYM Z vs GEN Z

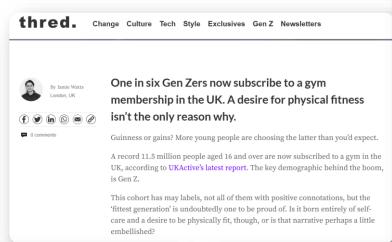


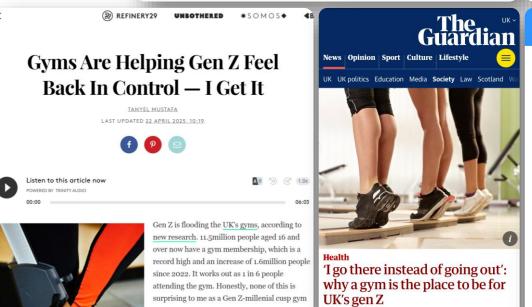
ZO DRIVING UK OM MEMBERSHIP

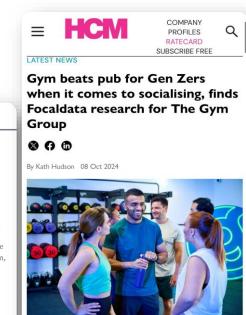
"Gym memberships in the UK increased by 6.1% in 2024 reaching 11.5m members.

This has been driven by Gen Z once again, with those aged between 16-34 more likely to be a current member. For young consumers, a gym membership has become an essential rather than a "nice to have".

- UK Active









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Fitness and friendship combine for Gen Z as more than a third view working out as a way to socialise

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 A survey from The Gym Group highlights the rising importance of fitness and exercise, alongside the growing role of working out as a social activity, amongst 18-24-year-olds



Whilst this generation are grouped together and generalised as one audience, the behavioural differences between Gen Zs and Gym Zs are stark.

Gym Z

Gym Z are those committed to going to the gym at least once a week (including classes) Non-Gym Z

Non-Gym Z are those who don't go to the gym (or classes) with any regularity



WHO ARE GYM Z?



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WHO ARE GYM Z?

Ambitious

70%

say when they visit the gym, they're focussed on specific goals

Growth mindset

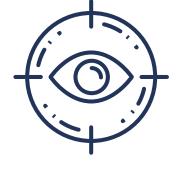
71%

say wealth and financial success are very important to them vs. 45% of non-Gym Z

Self-assured

84%

say they're confident in their abilities vs. 62% of non-Gym Z



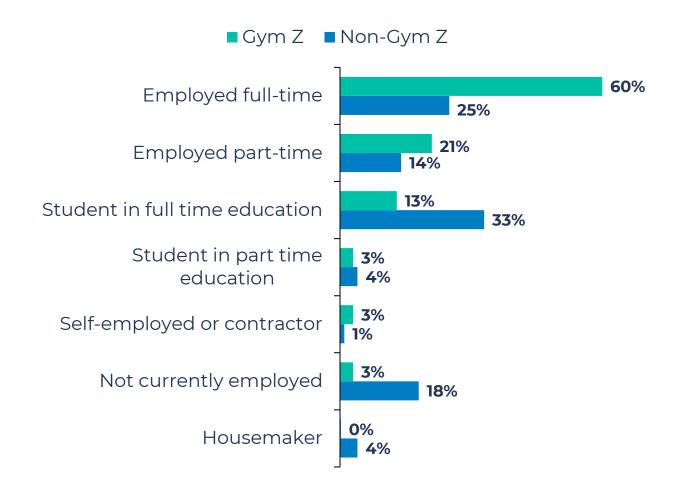




Compared to non-Gym Z, Gym Z:

- Are older (44% aged 25-28 vs. 24% of non-Gym Z)
- Are of a higher social grade (80% ABC1 vs. 57% of non-Gym Z)
- Are based more frequently in Greater London (40% vs. 15%)

THEY'RE AFFLUENT AND MOST WORK FULL TIME



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WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM?

Gym Z are focused on their financial and career success alongside their health and wellness goals.

Gym Z			Non-Gym Z	
1	Career success	89%	1 Career success 72%	
2	Health and wellness	89%	Wealth/financial success	
3	Wealth/financial success	88%	Health and wellness	
4	Connecting with my community	79 %	4 Connecting with my community 41%	
5	Popularity and having a wide social circle	66%	Popularity and 5 having a wide social circle	
6	Fame/being admired by others	63%	Fame/being 6 admired by others 22%	



IN THE GYM



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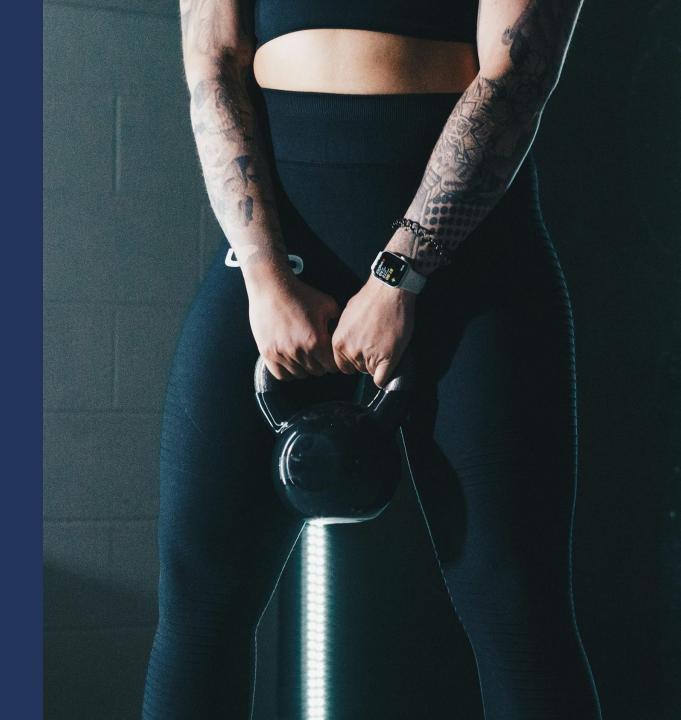
WANT TO GO, NOT HAVE TO GO

76%

love exercising and are always looking for more opportunities to do so

% who enjoy each type of exercise

79 %	Working out in a gym
72 %	Attending classes at a gym
68%	Attending non-gym classes <<<





CHASING HIGHS

Gym Z feel the positive mental effects of working out more so than non-Gym Z. After a workout...

90%

feel happier and more positive vs 60% non-Gym Z

87%

have a better outlook on life vs 60% non-Gym Z





CHASING BRANDS

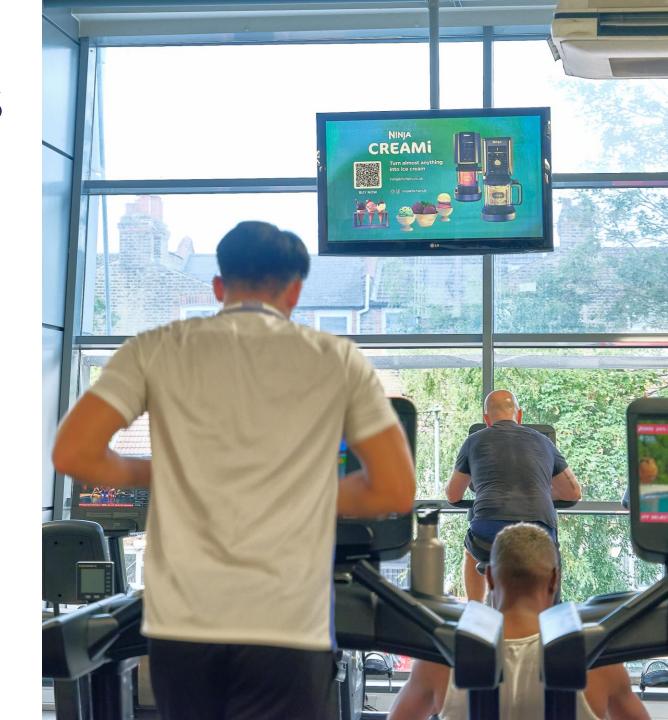
In a positive mindset, consumers are...

40%

more likely to be receptive to advertising

15%

more likely to follow up on advertising



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SWITCHING OFF, TO SWITCH ON

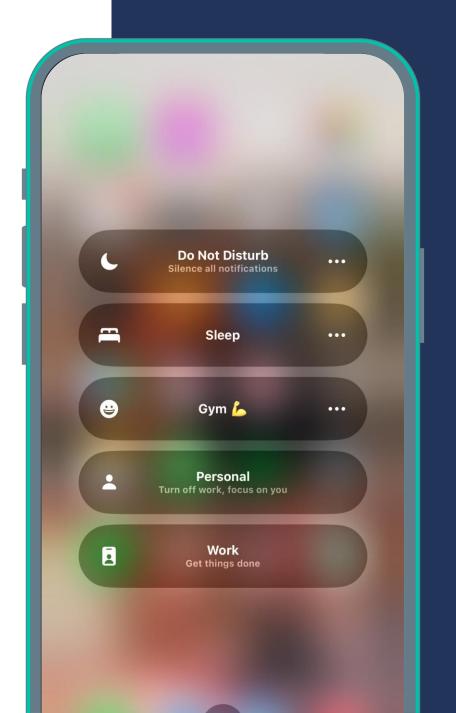
Gym Z are more 'online' than the rest of their age group outside of the gym, but they're using their gym time as a digital detox.

62%

say going to the gym is a way for them to disconnect from social media and the internet

77%

pay more attention to their surroundings when they spend less time online



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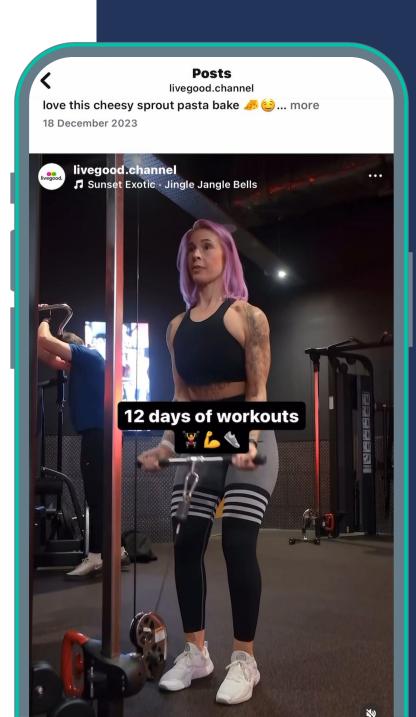
ZOOM + SOCIAL MEDIA

Gym Z rely heavily on social media for health & fitness inspiration; this presents an omnichannel opportunity for brands utilising social media alongside our OOH network, fully priming and engaging with this valuable audience.

91%

use social media in relation to exercise vs 55% of non-Gym Z

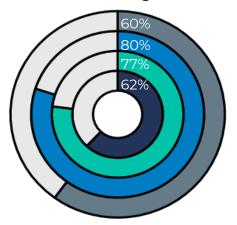
54%	Getting workout ideas
51%	Following workout videos
30%	Posting my workouts online – sharing with friends/family
24%	Posting my workouts online – publicly
14%	Using message boards



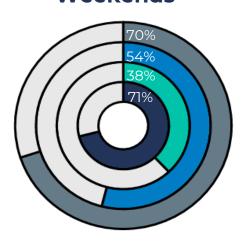
WHEN DO THEY GO TO THE GYM?

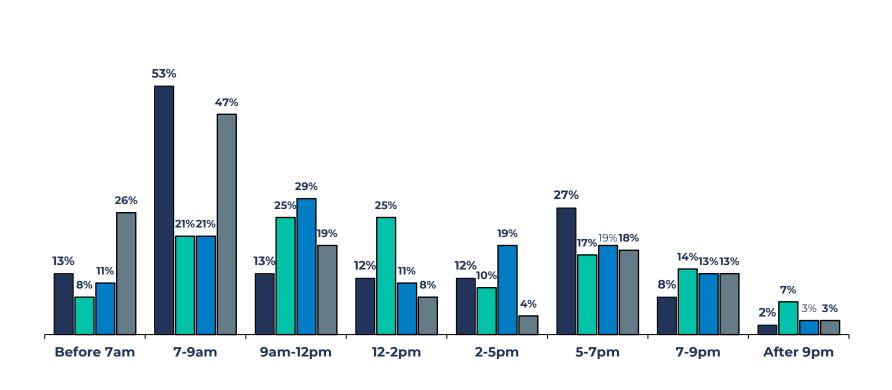
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Weekdays



Weekends





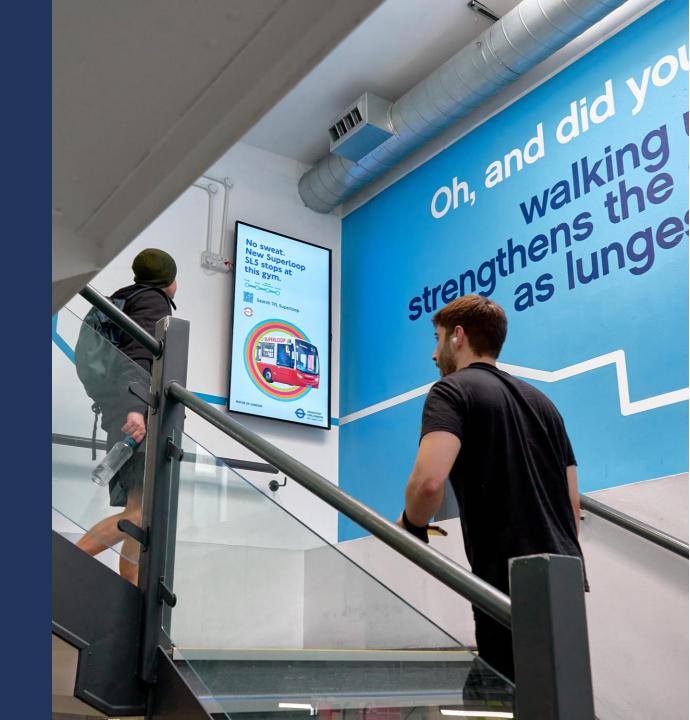
21-24

25-28

16-20



OUTSIDE THE GYM



ZO OM FOOD & DRINK

Even outside of the gym, Gym Z put a lot of time and effort in to supporting their fitness journey when it comes to nutrition.

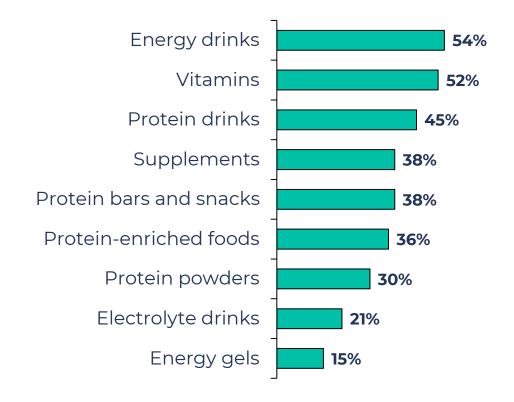
80%

"I put time into researching what food and drink is available to support my journey"

80%

"I am willing to spend more money on food and drink that supports my fitness journey"

What do Gym Z buy to support their fitness journey?



ZO OM FASHION

This commitment translates to what they wear in the gym too.

76%

"I notice brands other people in the gym are wearing"

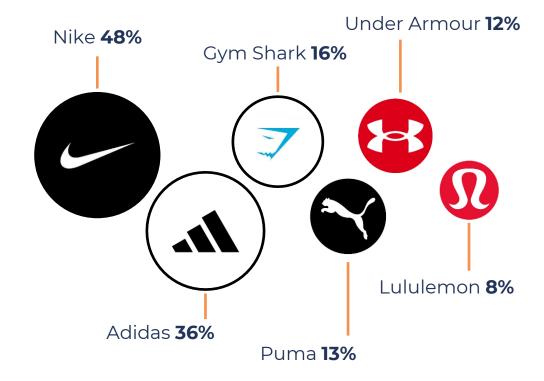
77%

"I like to look good in the gym"

67%

"I follow the latest athletic fashion trends"

Favourite gymwear brands among Gym Z





THE VALUE OF GYM Z





SPENDING POWER

Where are Gym Z spending their money?



Fashion

£108.44

vs. £50.58 from non-Gym Z



Health & Beauty

£100.50

vs. £40.74 from non-Gym Z



Convenience Food & Drink

£95.14

vs. £59.85 from non-Gym Z



Wellness / Fitness

£103.17

vs. £32.77 from non-Gym Z



Technology

£107.12

vs. £44.46 from non-Gym Z

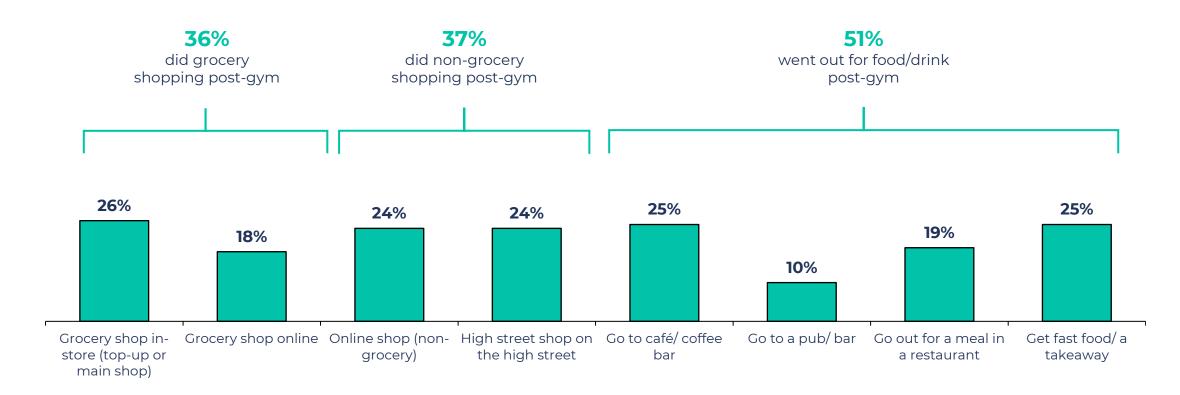


£91.39

vs. £53.01 from non-Gym Z

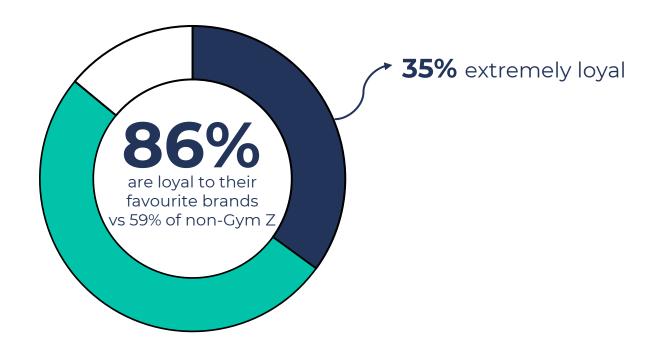
POST-GYM PURCHASING

Gym Z's behaviour immediately after visiting the gym



ZO OM LOYALTY

Gym Z are fiercely loyal to their favourite brands. Whilst this serves existing popular brands among Gym Z well already, this is also an opportunity to break-through to this audience and become a non-negotiable purchase for them.



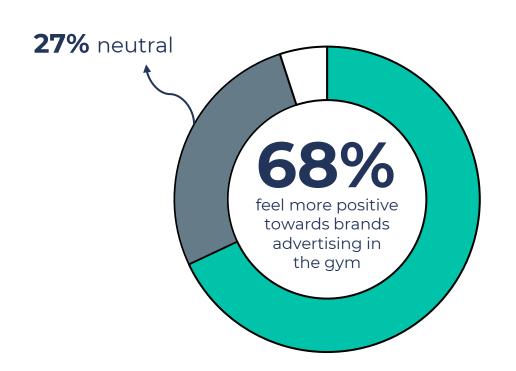


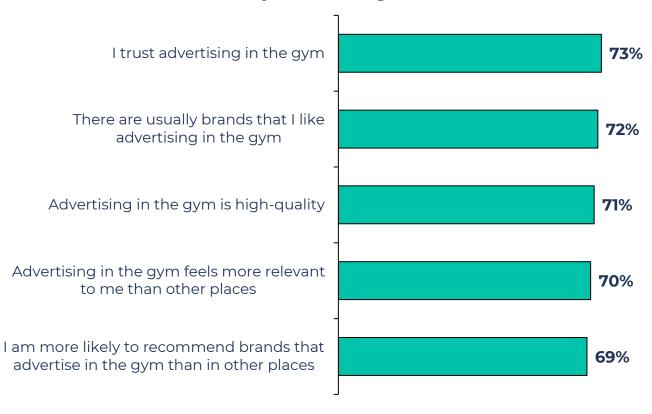
'ZOOMING' IN ON GYM Z



ZO TRUSTED & RELEVANT OM ADVERTISING

% of Gym Z who agree that...







IN THE ZONE

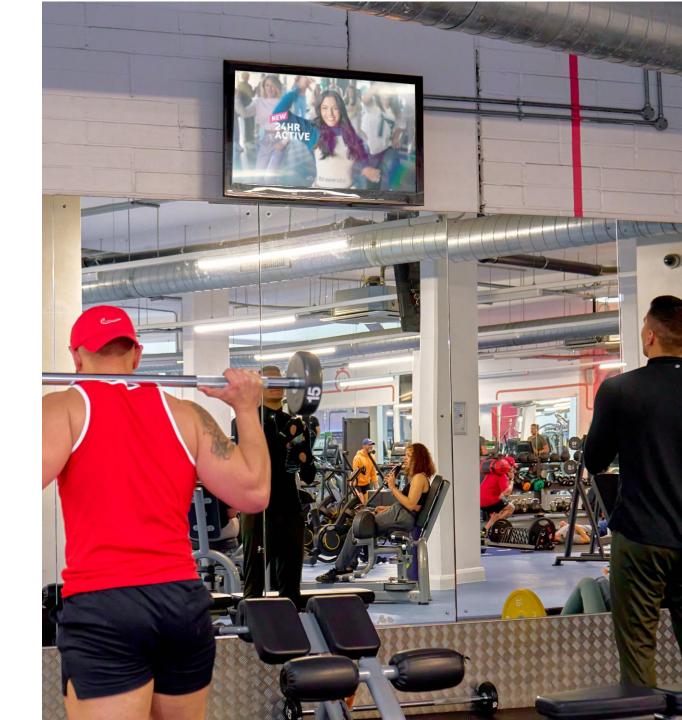
Not only do they value our advertising, when they're in the zone, they're paying attention to it.

71%

pay attention to advertising in the gym

69%

notice advertising more when they're in the zone at the gym



ZO DON'T OM UNDERESTIMATE GYM Z

Gym Z are confident, self-assured and have a growth mindset. Not only do they love the gym, but they're receptive to advertising in the gym environment. They trust brands that advertise in gyms and are more likely to notice advertising when they're in the zone on the gym floor.

When compared to their non-gym going counterparts in Gen Z, they are more affluent and willing to spend across all categories, especially wellness and fitness. Appealing to the Gym Z audience is key for in-gym advertising.





GYM M





When it comes down to those who spend time in the gym, Gym Z and Millennials aren't as different as you first might think.

Gym Z

Want to attain a specific physique

Use more media in the gym (music, podcasts, social media)

Heavier use of Snapchat & TikTok

Positive outlook

Attitudes to exercise

Attitudes to social media

In-gym behaviour

Attitudes to gym fashion & nutrition

Want to manage weight

Want to reduce social media use

Heavier Facebook users

Gym M

aka gym-going Millennials

ZO OM GYM M IN THE GYM

Gym M report visiting the gym for health reasons at higher levels, perhaps because they're more aware of the aging process. They're also visiting the gym more to reduce stress, potentially more of an indicator of the stresses of increased age and responsibility.

However, when it comes to the main reasons for the generations visiting the gym, these are pretty in line regardless of age group.

