HOW RESELLING
IMPACTS
HIGH END HIGH STREET
BRANDS.



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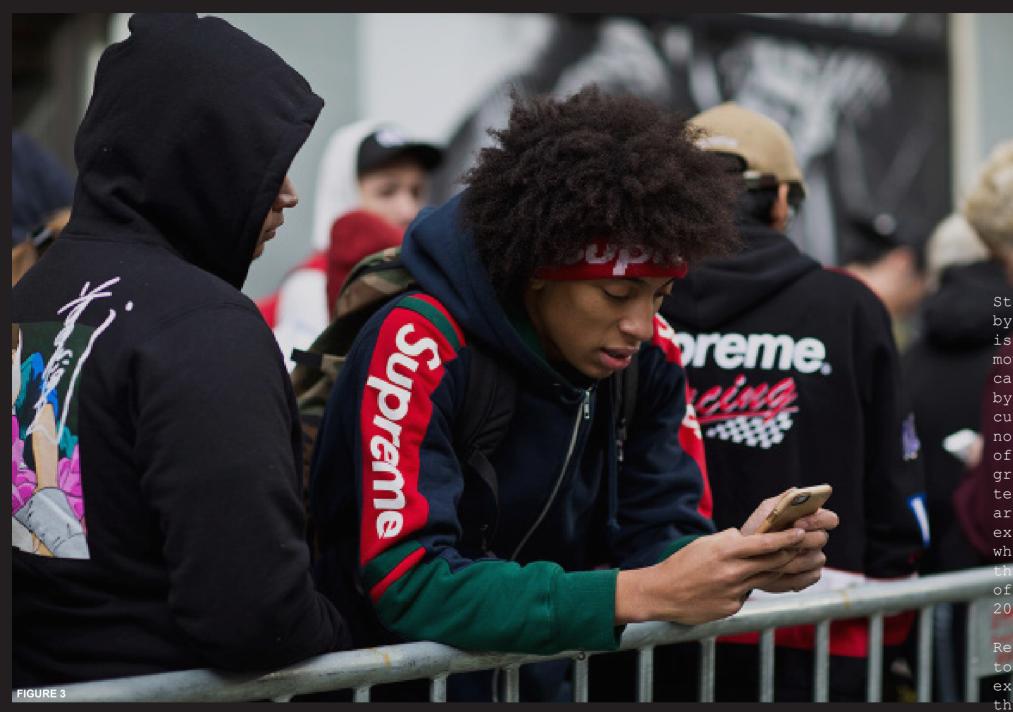
How is reselling affecting streetwear industry?

This report analyses how reselling within the streetwear market affects the brands within the premium high street sector.

An online survey was conducted in which 100 participants answered questions about reselling, an interview with a reseller also took place to review personal experiences and opinions. Secondary research was carried out using online news articles, streetwear societies like "The Basement" and "The Underground Economy of Supreme Resellers" documentary. Tools such as SWOT helped understand how reselling is directly affecting the brands and the sector.

The report focuses on how reselling affects the brands and consumers. Research showed that the "resale market is currently worth £13.25bn, and is predicted to almost double to £24.3bn by 2021" (LS:N Global,2017). Factors such as boycotting fast fashion, creating entrepreneurs and allowing people to buy and sell desired products, create strengths for the industry. Weaknesses such as selling for more than the brands original retail price or loyal customer experiences can be tarnished.

Brands are constantly adapting to new trends and markets, for brands to stay relevant within the reselling market, they must have a limited distribution to create an exclusive feel and continue with the limited edition collaborations. The brands will need to adapt to new changes such as using more interactive digital platforms and using technology within garments to create individual trends.



Streetwear clothing worn by urban youth subcultures creating fashion movements throughout casual clothing influenced the skateboarding culture, as well as 1980's nostalgia. The clothes often feature logos, graphic images and simple text. Streetwear revolves around having the most exclusive 'in' products which breed individuality, this results in the resale of products. (Huguelet, 2017)

Reselling allows consumers to sell unwanted or exclusive items; the way they make profit is due to

selling over the retail price. The demand for the items come from the brands' limited distribution, creating a buzz and 'want' for the brand. This has become a culture for the millennial and Generation Z consumers, due to online social media presences such as 'The Basement", where people can sell, discuss and buy. Reselling creates hype on social media, boasting when consumers 'cop' the most exclusive products.

Reselling has rapidly increased, studies found that the resale market is currently worth £13.25bn, and is predicted to almost double to £24.3bn by 2021 (LS:N Global, 2017).



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High end high street as reports from Mintel is broken down into (2017) show that Ted different sections such Baker, a key player as formal wear from within brands like Ted Baker, revenue was up 14% Whistles and All Saints while the online sales to streetwear where the saw significant growth clothing follows more of 43.8% at the end of of a culture with brands August 2017. such as Supreme, Bape, Golfwang and Vans. Both sections are based on their price point where the sector tends to be premium feel goods with affordable prices. The marketing is held strong as they create a 'want' and 'need' for the products. Both sections are very similar by having a "distinctive brand and signature that is recognised by customers" (PWC, 2016), however are marketed towards two different consumers.

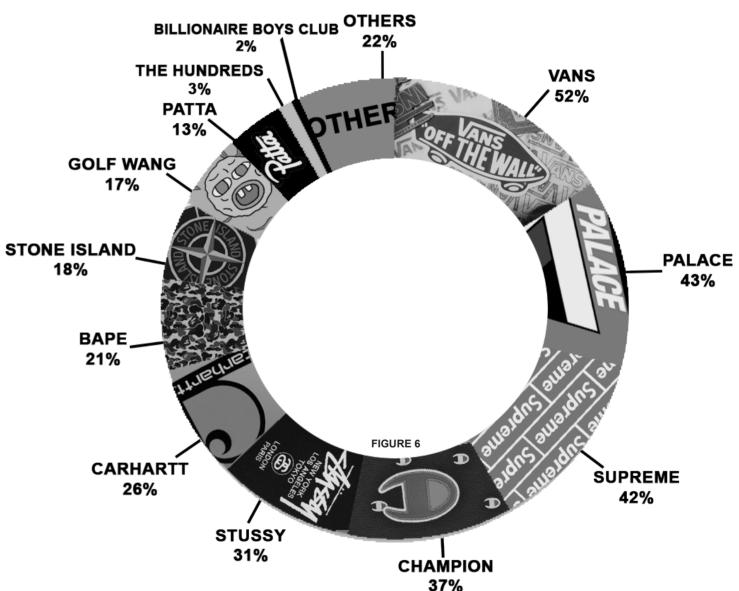
The high end high street market "stores reported a 3.7 per cent increase in UK sales in 2015" (Drapers, 2015), this is down to 'customers want designs and to express themselves in a much quicker way' (Luxury London, 2017). Influences such as The Duchess of Cambridge or actor Jonah Hill are seen wearing these brands, this creates desire while showing the diversity of consumers who wears the brands.

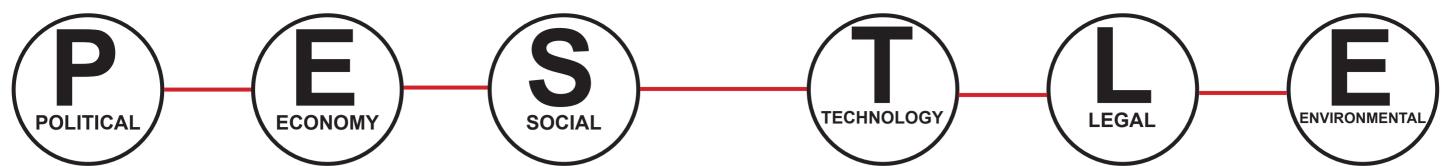
Non-streetwear brands within the sector such as Ted Baker, Cos and Whistles are raising,

the sector.



What is your favourite streetwear brands?





With recent events in politics like Donald Trumpbecomingpresident and the UK leaving the EU, brands held more responsibility to "embrace their power... and raise awareness, empower and support change" (Complex, 2017). With more companies "channeling the people behind the label and perspective", their this pushes consumers to think about politics and their view. This could potential tarnish the brands if people don't agree with their opinion, it could put consumers off buying from the brand. " 57 percent of global shoppers say they buy from or boycott brands based on the brand's stated political stance" (Complex, 2017).

- Brexit is causing
 The way people uncertainties on how it shop is changing; will affect the fashion consumers want a faster sector. Manufacturing and easier experience. abroad puts pressure "We increasingly see on trading deals as a trend for consumers it could affect the to spend more on import cost. Inflation experiences could increase; causing disposable to decrease meaning consumers won't have concierge style shopping as much money to spend including technology on 'Luxury' products. workshops, nail and brow (Guardian, 2016)
- J-Crew, use exchange brand while "reinvent rates for distributing the department store across Europe. Brexit for the 21st Century" "sent the pound to a (Roberts, 2017). 31-vear-low the dollar" (Rodionova, charity schemes to give 2017). This is a benefit a sense of community for the foreign buyer feel, however, with industry as it is now brands such as John Lewis cheaper to buy from the having a 'Community UK, however, in terms of Matters' scheme in which businesses it is more "charities will receive expensive to trade, support in whichever meaning the prices in way will benefit them retail have to increase. the most, either in • With a rise of young the form of John Lewis adults feeding into the products, volunteering premium markets, it is time from Partners, or increasingly worrying as financial support" that the debt will (John Lewis PLC, n.d). rise. With students in Consumers university graduating whether the brands are with around £57,000 intentional in their worth of debt (Coughlan, advertising or use it 2017), buying premium as a ploy to 'look' like products will consumers into more debt.
- income
- against •
- (Hendriksz, 2016)

- than on products" (The Guardian, 2016). John Lewis has introduced bar. John Lewis wants • US brands Supreme and to differentiate the
 - Brands are using push a better brand.
- Wearable technology is
 Recently, being developed; this Lewis before technology and spotlight 'trend' and invest money occur. into challenging the materials, as consumers will expect the premium brands to do so before markets such as mass.
- Technology is becoming personalised more towards marketing, this allows companies to reach their audience directly, and however, "currently brands are cautious of being intrusive with their personalisation effort. An increase in mobile video is a fast-growing advertising format, up 103% year-on-year" (Redgate, 2017).
- John can affect the materials paying below the minimum a used in the fashion wage for workers doing want to become industry. By 2022 the overtime, while an eco-friendlier \$50 billion (Digital years, John Lewis were with programs, only a matter of time all businesses in the market because
- With the fashion were caught industry waste growing concern, global automation market error in miscalculating reduce this issue; by is expected to grow at holiday pay for seven addressing the issue Journal, n.d). With forced to pay employees aim to show consumers products like the Apple an extra £40 million they are considering watch coming out, it is (BBC, 2017). This puts it. With the premium to make are not trend- fed fashion are going to be sure they are paying or necessarily fastwidely used by brands. workers the legal wage; fashion, and the high The premium market will otherwise unexpected quality of the products have to adapt to this costs to a business can lastlongerthanaproduct from value market. "Extending the life of a garment by an extra nine months reduces its environmental impact by 20-30%"' (Siegle, 2017 "We believe transparency is the first step to transform the industry" (Fashion revolution, n.d). Consumers are asking for more transparency from brands, "Particularly when it comes to impact the lives of workers in the supply chain" revolution, (Fashion n.d). Brands hesitant, as they don't want to jeopardise the business by uncovering issues you don't know

how to resolve.

Overall Brexit is the biggest factor that will affect the premium market as it has a lot of uncertainties, factors such as social and environmental are constantly changing to fit in within the generation and society.



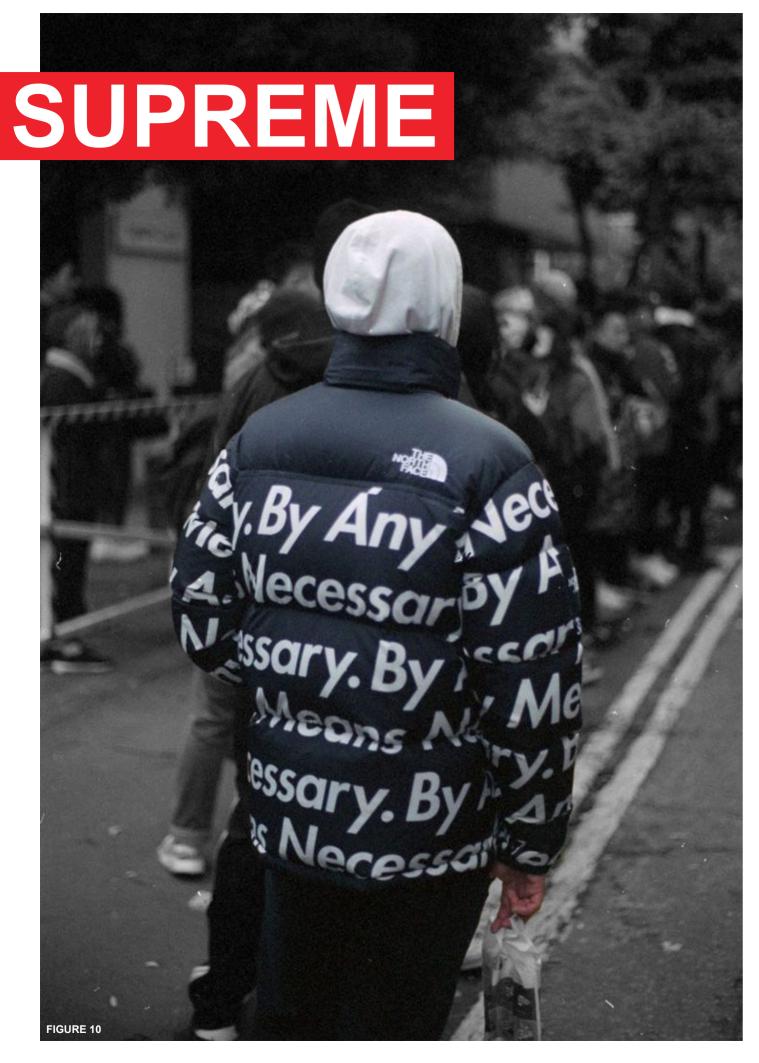


The threat of new entrants and the degree of competitive industry for high end high street is low, existing brands have spent time building their reputation, making customers loyal to them. The sector tends to have a high capital investment with already established brands, whereas new brands may not have this when entering.

Bargaining power of supplier is high, as the buyers need to use creditable suppliers that offer the standard of quality for the price, meaning that the brand will buy into a 'strong' supplier. The supplier can raise prices or reduce product availability if substitute products are unavailable in the market or if the buyer isn't price sensitive.

The bargaining power of customers is low, as customers expect to pay more for a premium product with higher quality. This is down to the brands being established and customers "paying for the name".

With issues such as counterfeits, threat of substitute products is medium, as fakes can be made and sold on in places such as Asia. However, this could be reduced with counterfeit teams. Streetwear designs can be very similar; so there's a chance consumers can find substitutes.



being one biggest reselling within streetwear. What about their future. makes Supreme stand (Sawyer, 2017) out is their small supply and their known The reselling market collaborations brands such as North operates, with rules face and Louis Vuitton. such as only one product The brand drops a per person, Supreme new collection every are trying to prevent Thursday, on this day people buying numerous traffic to their website products for (LS:N Global, 2017). In them. (Complex:News, order to cop you must be 2015) extremely fast or use (Supreme, 2009) a keyword robot within your browser.

The brands founder James Jebbia quoted in a 2002 interview, "I don't like it (reselling) because we try to make our clothing affordable for young people. I much prefer if someone buys something from us that they plan on wearing it and not selling" -(Skinner, 2017)

Despite this, Supreme recently created an advert called, '1. Cop 2.Flip 3.Invest', this ad message courtesy Wealthsimple, of encourages reselling. Research suggests that the brand is encouraging the movement, as it still wants to be relevant. Wealthsimple has created a theory that you can

Supreme is known for become a millionaire of the from reselling within influential 45 years, encouraging brands entrepreneurs to think

with has changed how Supreme can increase by 16,800% intention of reselling

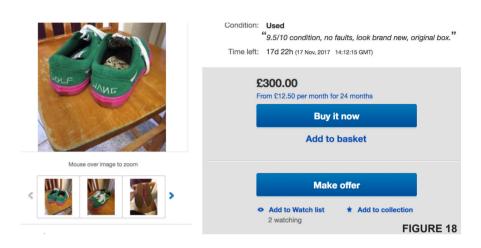












VANS

Vans were one of the most popular brands in the survey with 52 out of 100 admitting to wearing the brand (Sinar, 2017), statics show that Vans sales hit \$2.3 billion in 2016 (Fortune, 2017)

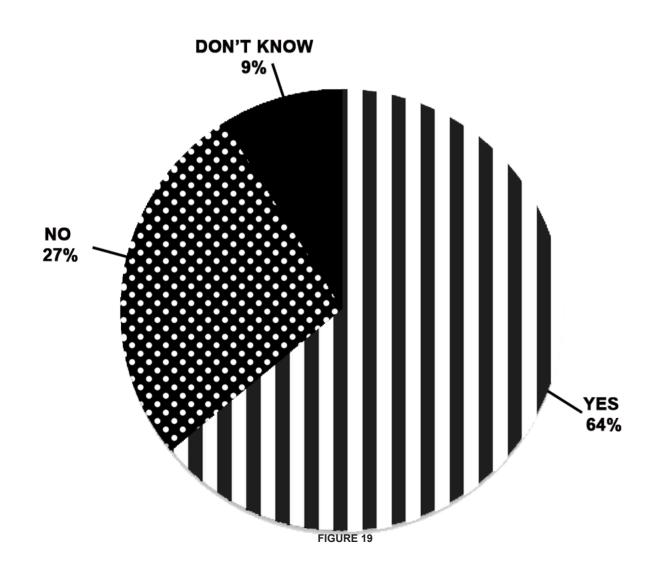
Vans is a diverse company with their products selling in various ways, such as in store, online and through outlets such as ASOS, Urban Outfitters, etc.

The "classic" Vans trainers tend not to be found reselling, this is down to them being so common and easily accessible, however, when Vans collaborate with other streetwear brands such as Supreme, Stussy, Golf Wang and Thrasher, this allows consumers to purchase one of a kind, limited collaborations that might not happen again, hence, the items are likely to resell for a higher value. For example, the GOLF WANG x Vans collaboration sold out instantly due to "hype" and buzz around the collaboration. The shoe initially retailed for around \$75.00 and is now reselling on eBay for around £300.

Collaborations also allow brands to charge extra than usual retail price, this is because it creates a wider target audience for both brands and is bringing both brands consumers together; Vans benefit from the reselling market because of this.

CONSUMER AFFECTS

Would you ever pay more than retail price for a 'grail' (wanted) item?





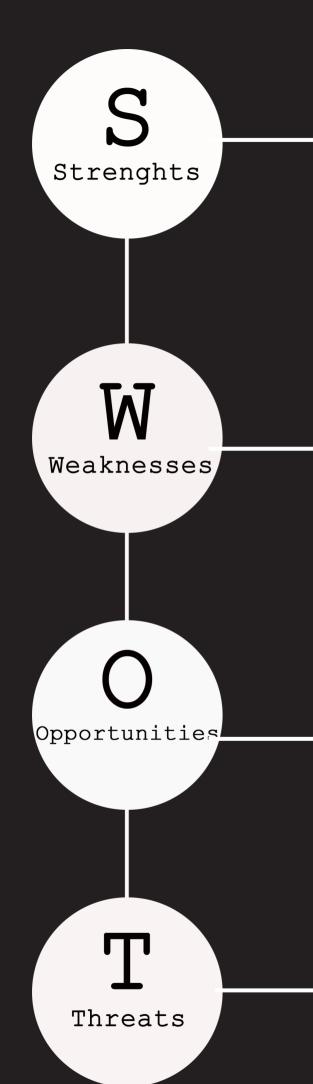
High end high street on various platforms. segmented, there is a range of consumers with all ages and personal however the consumers all share same behaviours in a way, that they are not trend fed and prefer stable pieces Reselling is affecting economical with higher quality (Drapers, 2017)

towards millennials and generation X and even generation Z, these consumers are starting to create their own experiences through more online social presences

consumers are not very These consumers, are the 'destructive' generation, they want change. They aspire to want more in terms of travelling or even owning their business.

consumer behaviours by at a affordable price having more personal influences, for example to buy products for the friends who are within resell value more than Streetwear is aimed the 'hype' to influence a purchase, with this item. Research found 64% comes social and the reward of more than retail price having an product. Consumers are product (Sinar, 2017); motivation driven, as this shows consumers are they want to have the not price sensitive.

"in" and newest product, which leads back to the physiologic feeling for a customer. Reselling is affecting the purchase having timing products instantly after it drops, to then resell straight after, giving the consumer the personal income they want. Consumers are influenced if they like the actual power of consumers would pay exclusive for a wanted exclusive



- Consumers can sell unwanted products; this is more sustainable as waste is being reduced.
- It also boycotts fast fashion as we are recycling and re-using products. The questionnaire results showed 60% of people had resold an item (Sinar, 2017)
- Allow consumers to buy desired 'sold out' products.
- Free promotion for the brands, as 'hype' is created and brands become limited causing them to sell out and make customers feel exclusive.
- Consumers make a living from reselling, encouraging the millennial and generation Z consumers to become entrepreneurs. (Highsnobiety, 2017).

- The resellers are selling brands' products for more than the brand wants. (Skinner, 2017)
- Upsets loyal consumers who aren't bothered about "hype", more about the designs and if they
 like the item- can't always buy the product. The results of the questionnaire found 20% of 100
 people don't agree with reselling (Sinar, 2017)
- Unpredictability can leave them with products that they can't sell as that item wasn't as 'wanted'.
- Consumers unintentionally buy into counterfeits when buying from resellers.
- With "hype" around brands, there is potential for the brands authentic culture to be lost.

- The brands could increase stock, meaning it is more accessible for consumers, however, this could de-crease exclusivity.
- An example of an opportunity for brands to reduce the threat of 'hype' dying down, could be to create collaborate with other brands to reach to a wider audience. Other opportunities for brands could be to integrate social media more for their brand to grow and have a larger online presence; brands could also use celebrity endorsement.
- There is opportunity for brands to include additional detailing on garments to prevent counterfeits being re-produced.

(The Business book, 2014)

- Personalisation can deface the brand and ruin the message of what they are about; also, the
 popularity of having individual products could rise, leaving them with mass stock to decrease sales.
- Counterfeits being made and sold could tarnish the brand's image, while putting the brand association at risk. This is also a threat to the consumers as they could be miss-sold into buying counterfeits.
- Risk of 'hype' dying down is high, as the streetwear market depends on trends, if brands can't keep up with demand consumers will shop elsewhere.
- Technology development is constantly changing the way we shop. There has been an increase of online fashion sales from £16,173 million in 2017 to an estimated £28,951 million in 2022 (Mintel, 2017) meaning the way we buy is changing from generations. The questionnaire found that Depop were the most used platform to sell streetwear, as well as online groups such as 'The Basement' (Sinar, 2017)

CONCLUSION

Concluding, the report shows the positive and negative affects reselling are having on the premium market, brands and consumers. The market has potential to grow with an estimated double in sales by 2021 (LS:N Global, 2017). With the low level of competitors, it's good for brands to keep stock limited and exclusive for their consumers, as seen with Stussy when stock is not limited, it causes for a decline in 'want' for the product. External factors like Brexit and the development of technology will change the premium market, however it is uncertain on the impact, as it could decline customers confidence while also creating new markets in the industry.





RECOMMENDATIONS

The author suggests from primary research that for reselling, the brands should keep their stock limited and exclusive, therefore creating an experience for consumers, such as camping out for hours to not even secure desired items. With the sector collaborating with other sectors, this creates widespread acceptance. Collaborations such as Supreme and Louis Vuitton are allowing streetwear to grow into new markets. The author suggests that streetwear could see a massive peak due to the hype, however it could decline as it is "losing its exclusivity and becoming more 'mainstream'' (T-Post, n.d)

The sector will see more technologic products on the market, clothing brand 'Twentyfour15' have recently created a changeable colour jacket. Having consumers that have grown up in a digitalised world, brands are expected to produce new technologic clothing. (Arthur, 2017)

Digitalisation will grow with brands being more interactive with consumers. Technology is enhancing the shopping experience; shops are starting to use interactive mirrors where you don't even need to try on the clothes you take to the changing room. Because of this marketing will be more personalised, companies will track consumers interactions on social media to filter their advertisements (McKinsey, 2014)

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