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Route to Shopper®

A Strategic Framework for
Integrated Shopper-based Value
Creation in the Fashion Industry

Route to Shopper® Framework

Transforming Fashion Commerce

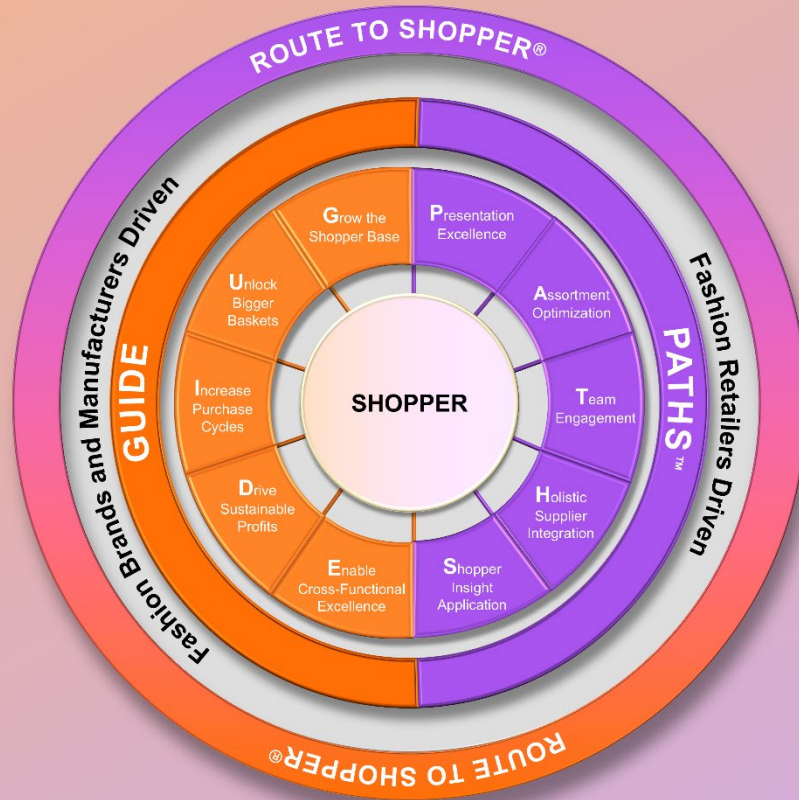
A Strategic Framework for Brand Growth, Retail Impact & Shopper Loyalty

A Strategic Positioning Document from the Commercial Excellence Academy

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The Route to Shopper® Framework incorporating GUIDE – PATHS™ for Fashion Industry



Strategic Context: Fashion's New Reality

What does it really take to win a shopper's consideration in a world of endless options?

In the fashion industry, winning requires more than great design. It demands an integrated approach to capturing shopper attention, driving conversion, and building lasting relationships across increasingly fluid physical and digital journeys.

The **Route to Shopper®** Framework, now tailored for the fashion sector, provides the comprehensive capability system that forward-thinking brands and retailers need to thrive in an environment characterized by:

- **Accelerating trend cycles** that compress go-to-market timelines
- **Channel fragmentation** that obscures the path to purchase
- **Digital-physical integration** that blurs traditional shopping boundaries
- **Values-based purchasing** driving brand consideration and loyalty
- **Experience expectations** that transcend product to include discovery and service
- **Personalization demands** requiring relevant, timely engagement

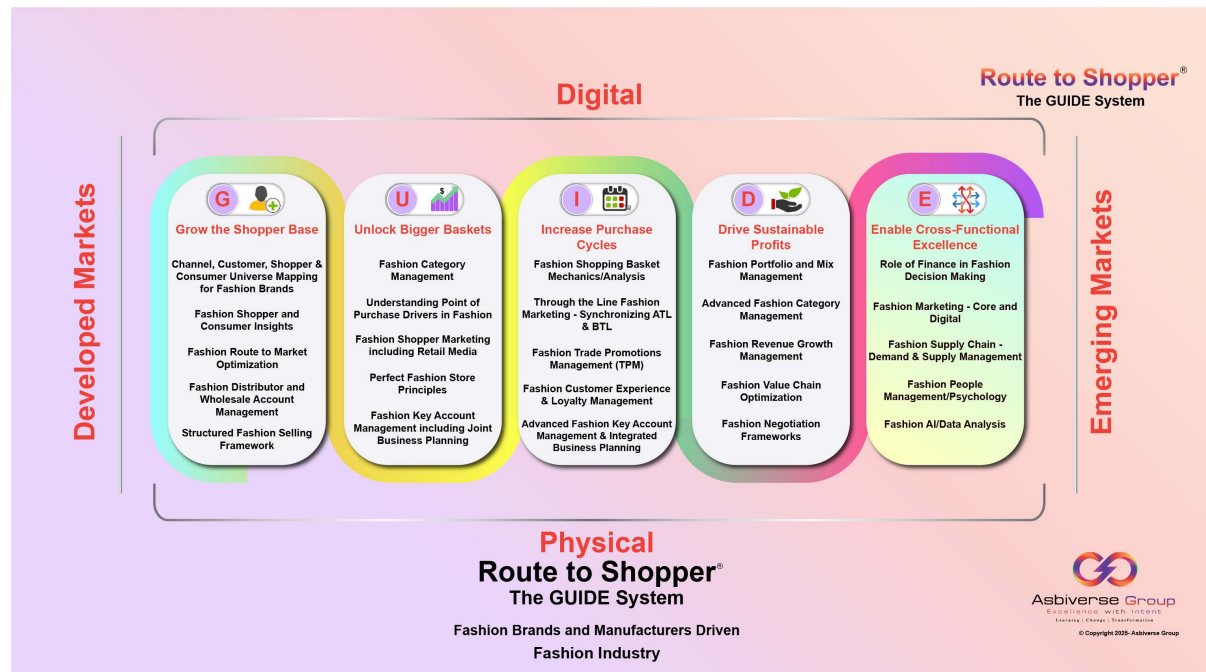
For fashion businesses, sustainable growth now hinges on three critical capabilities:

1. **Winning the moment** when shoppers make split-second decisions
2. **Deepening the basket** through styled connections across categories
3. **Extending lifecycle value** through seasonal re-engagement

The **Route to Shopper®** Framework delivers these capabilities through two complementary structures that align brand strategy with retail execution. This creates a synchronized commercial ecosystem built around shopper behaviour.

GUIDE – PATHS™: The Dual Framework for Fashion Excellence

GUIDE Framework



For Fashion Brands & Manufacturers

G: Grow The Shopper Base

- Expand audience through style storytelling that connects with diverse shoppers
- Leverage collaborations to access new communities authentically
- Create inclusive touchpoints that welcome shoppers across style tribes
- Build cross-generational relevance through targeted messaging
- Optimize channel mix to intercept shoppers where they're most receptive

U: Unlock Bigger Baskets

- Drive outfit completion through intuitive style bundling
- Increase attachment rates with strategic accessory integration
- Create urgency through limited-edition drops and capsules
- Boost basket size with styled recommendations based on initial selections
- Leverage social proof to validate additional purchases

I: Increase Purchase Cycles

- Accelerate repurchase through seasonally relevant re-engagement
- Build wardrobe continuity with complementary new releases
- Drive loyalty through exclusive previews and early access
- Create recurring touchpoints aligned with lifestyle moments
- Maintain post-purchase engagement with styling and care content

D: Drive Sustainable Profits

- Optimize price architecture across good-better-best tiers
- Improve margin mix through strategic category management
- Reduce markdowns with data-driven inventory planning
- Create value-based pricing aligned with perceived benefits
- Develop premium positioning through quality narrative

E: Enable Cross-Functional Excellence

- Connect design intent to commercial execution
- Align supply chain velocity with market demand signals
- Integrate marketing storytelling with in-store experience
- Break silos between online and offline teams
- Build rapid-response capabilities for trend opportunities

PATHS Framework



For Fashion Retailers

P: Presentation Excellence

- Create immersive environments that showcase styling possibilities
- Develop consistent brand experiences across physical and digital
- Design intuitive navigation aligned with shopper decision patterns
- Craft visual storytelling that communicates seasonal themes
- Build Instagram-worthy moments that drive organic sharing

A: Assortment Optimization

- Create localized assortments aligned with community preferences
- Optimize breadth vs. depth based on shopper behaviour
- Develop category roles that balance basics with trend pieces
- Execute effective size curves based on local demographics
- Build strategic exclusives that drive destination shopping

T: Team Engagement

- Develop styling expertise that transforms transactions into wardrobes
- Create product fluency across materials, fit, and care
- Build clienteling capabilities that personalize the experience
- Align incentives with complete outfit selling
- Equip teams with digital tools that extend their knowledge

H: Holistic Supplier Integration

- Create seamless collaboration on visual merchandising
- Develop integrated forecasting to optimize availability
- Build joint planning processes for seasonal transitions
- Create transparent communication channels for market feedback
- Establish unified KPIs that align brand and retailer objectives

S: Shopper Insight Application

- Transform browsing patterns into actionable insights
- Develop style preference profiles that enable personalization
- Create feedback loops that inform future assortment decisions
- Identify high-value shoppers for targeted engagement
- Build test-and-learn capabilities for continuous optimization

Illustrative Examples: The Framework in Action

Example 1: Capsule Collection Launch

Challenge:

A fashion brand seeks to maximize impact from a limited-edition capsule while attracting new customers and driving full-price sell-through.

GUIDE Implementation:

- **G:** Targets new audiences through influencer collaborations and targeted digital storytelling
- **U:** Creates shoppable styling guides showing complete outfits from the collection
- **I:** Offers loyal customers 24-hour early access preview
- **D:** Establishes premium positioning with limited distribution
- **E:** Aligns design, marketing, and sales around consistent collection narrative

PATHS Implementation:

- **P:** Develops immersive digital lookbook and coordinated store displays
- **A:** Allocates inventory based on regional style preferences
- **T:** Equips associates with capsule storytelling and styling recommendations
- **H:** Coordinates launch timing and visual standards with retail partners
- **S:** Captures and analyses shopper response to inform future capsules

Potential Outcome:

- 85% sell-through at full price within two weeks
- 40% of purchases include multiple items from the collection
- 30% of buyers are first-time customers
- Significant social sharing extends organic reach

Example 2: Omnichannel Festival Collection

Challenge:

A fashion retailer aims to capture festival season opportunity while creating seamless experiences across digital and physical touchpoints.

GUIDE Implementation:

- **G:** Activates festivalgoers through geo-targeted social content
- **U:** Develops festival lookbook with cross-category styling suggestions
- **I:** Creates pre-festival reminders and post-event re-engagement
- **D:** Structures margin-building accessories as add-ons to key looks
- **E:** Aligns online, social, and in-store teams around festival messaging

PATHS Implementation:

- **P:** Creates coordinated festival zones in-store and online
- **A:** Curates festival assortment based on regional event calendars
- **T:** Equips teams with event-specific styling recommendations
- **H:** Coordinates with brands on festival-ready merchandise
- **S:** Uses location data to target festival attendees with relevant content

Potential Outcome:

- Double-digit lift in festival category sales
- Increased cross-category attachment rates
- Improved conversion from online browsing to in-store purchase
- Enhanced social engagement through festival outfit sharing

Potential Outcomes: Transforming Fashion Commerce

Fashion businesses implementing the **Route to Shopper®** Framework can potentially achieve:

Commercial Impact

- **15-20% reduction** in seasonal markdowns through improved planning
- **25-30% increase** in average transaction value via styling recommendations
- **40% improvement** in new product sell-through rates
- **2x productivity** from retail space through optimized presentation

Shopper Experience

- **35% increase** in repeat purchase frequency
- **50% reduction** in digital bounce rates through relevant navigation
- **45% decrease** in cart abandonment with outfit completion suggestions
- **3x engagement** with personalized content vs. generic messaging

Operational Excellence

- **30% faster** time-to-market for new collections
- **25% reduction** in forecast variance
- **50% improvement** in cross-functional alignment
- **Significant efficiency gains** through standardized processes

AI Enablement: Accelerating Fashion Innovation

The **Route to Shopper®** Framework prepares fashion organizations to leverage AI capabilities:

AI-powered Personalization

- Style matching algorithms that recommend complementary pieces
- Visual search enabling shoppers to find items from inspiration images
- Outfit completion suggestions based on purchase history
- Style profile development from browsing behaviour

AI-driven Operations

- Dynamic pricing optimization balancing demand and inventory
- Predictive allocation models that place inventory where needed
- Automated visual merchandising recommendations based on performance
- Real-time trend detection from social media signals

AI-enhanced Relationships

- Predictive churn models identifying at-risk customers for re-engagement
- Next-best-action recommendations for clienteling
- Sentiment analysis from customer feedback and reviews
- Mood-based recommendations adapting to emotional context

By building core **Route to Shopper®** capabilities, fashion organizations create the foundation for successful AI implementation. This ensures that technology enhances rather than replaces human creativity and connection.

The Commercial Excellence Academy: Your Capability Partner

The Commercial Excellence Academy helps fashion businesses transform how they connect with shoppers through:

Strategic Capability Building

- Translating conceptual frameworks into actionable commercial plans
- Building structured approaches to dynamic fashion challenges
- Creating organizational alignment around shopper-led growth

Cross-functional Integration

- Breaking silos between brand, merchandising, and retail teams
- Aligning creative vision with commercial execution
- Connecting planning to implementation through systematic processes

Sustainable Competitive Advantage

- Developing repeatable processes that drive consistent results
- Building institutional capabilities that transcend individual talents
- Creating scalable systems for growth across categories and markets

Reimagine Fashion Commerce

The time has come for fashion businesses to move beyond fragmented tactical approaches and embrace a unified strategic framework that connects brand vision to shopper experience.

The **Route to Shopper®** Framework provides the comprehensive capability system needed to:

- **Win in the moment** when fashion decisions are made
- **Build deeper connections** that extend beyond individual transactions
- **Create sustainable growth** through shopper-led strategies

Take the Next Step

Connect with the Commercial Excellence Academy to explore how the **Route to Shopper®** Framework can transform your approach to fashion commerce through:

- **Capability Assessment:** Identify opportunities to enhance your shopper-led growth
- **Strategic Alignment:** Unify your commercial approach across functions and channels
- **Implementation Roadmap:** Develop a structured path to enhanced commercial performance

*Fashion commerce is changing. The **Route to Shopper®** Framework gives you the capability system to lead that change.*

Contact

To begin a strategic dialogue on implementing the **Route to Shopper®** Framework in your organization, please contact:

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