

Quantitative Survey Group

*Custom, Proprietary Data Analytics
Institutional Public Equity*

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Quantitative Survey Group | QSG: What We Do

- Customized, analytically robust surveys across multiple sectors
- Statistically significant/large sample sizes; global reach
- High-quality, company, industry and sector insights & unique data points
- Syndicated (limited distribution) as well as exclusive (one-on-one) studies/projects
- Anonymous/aggregated online responses; non-cash incentives

QSG Differentiators

- **Provides an edge to facilitate and validate investment decisions and hypotheses**
- **Speed** (turnaround time approximately 2 weeks)
- **Competitive cost**
- **Panel size/reach** (private panel & *global* panel partnerships, incl. WebMD; access to millions)
- **Efficient/compliant replacement or supplement to expert networks**
- **Growing portfolio of clients across multiple channels** (institutional investors, private equity/VC firms, corporations/C-Suite executives, consulting firms, law firms, etc.)
- **Deep quantitative research competencies to support key strategic and tactical initiatives/objectives across many use cases** (acquisition strategy/due diligence, sales and spending trackers, pricing elasticity analysis, satisfaction ratings, voice of the customer, etc.)

Key Stats

- **Group originally launched in 2008 and is now comprised of 5 professionals**
- **More than 300 clients overall including investment firms (institutional, private equity/venture capital) plus corporations, consulting firms, and others throughout U.S. Europe and Asia**
- **Historical database/data library is both broad and deep**
 - **350+ current and recurring surveys**
 - **500-600 companies under coverage across all industries**
 - **Up to 15 years of historical research and data**
- **95% of custom research is client driven**
- **85% repeat/retention rate**

QSG...Customized Use Cases

- **Quantify and track market share and penetration, top and bottom-line performance and potential**
- **Evaluate the landscape including ranking direct competitors**
- **Quantify total addressable market (TAM) estimates and opportunities**
- **Measure customer satisfaction ratings including Net Promoter Score NPS ratings**
- **Pricing elasticity analysis; measure the impact of prices increases/changes**
- **Track technology and other operational spending trends**

Broad Sector Coverage

- **AI, Cloud Infrastructure, and Data Centers**
- **Consumer (Staples & Discretionary)**
- **Internet and Enterprise Software**
- **Technology, Media & Telecommunications (TMT)**
- **Healthcare**
- **Other (Energy, Engineering & Consulting, Financials, Industrials, Business Services, etc.)**

AI, Cloud Infrastructure, & Data Centers

- **Examples of insights/information we can gather:**

- Competitive landscape
- GPU / accelerator demand trends
- Data center capacity, utilization, & expansion plans
- Pricing trends
- New cloud & software adoption patterns
- ROI expectations & cost optimization strategies
- Satisfaction ratings
- Enterprise Investments/ CapEx

- **Examples of industry categories we can study:**

AI Infrastructure

- AI chips & hardware
- Cloud platforms
- Data centers & networking
- Data infrastructure & machine learning

AI Applications

- Generative AI
- Enterprise automation
- Autonomous systems
- Agentic AI

Recent/Current AI/Cloud Infrastructure Case Study: CoreWeave

- **Targeting n=150 engineers & current customers of CoreWeave**
- **Key takeaways**
 - Overall market share analysis & how CoreWeave is differentiated
 - Market demand, growth drivers, and investment expectations for cloud infrastructure solutions
 - Assessment on CoreWeave's risk mitigation around overcapacity or underutilization
 - Satisfaction ratings, particularly re: speed/performance & quality

Consumer (Staples & Discretionary)

- **Examples of insights/information we can gather:**

- Competitive brand position
- Customer acquisition/ retention data
- Past/current/future spending trends
- New product adoption rates
- Net promoter score (NPS) data
- Market share trends
- Customer satisfaction

- **Examples of industry categories we can study:**

Discretionary

- Home furnishings, Appliances, Housewares
- Apparel, Handbags, Footwear, Luxury goods, Athletic
- Hotels, Restaurants, Casinos, Amusement parks
- Cable, Satellite, Movies, Media entertainment
- Retailers - Internet, Brick & Mortar, Outlet

Staples

- Retailers - Food, Drug, Super centers
- Beverages - Beer, Liquor, Coffee, Soft drinks
- Packaged foods
- Cleaning products, Diapers, Paper products
- Beauty care, Cosmetics, Personal products

Recent/Current Consumer Case Study: LULU

- **1,000 LULU shoppers – U.S. and Canada**
- **Quarterly deployment schedule (began Sep '15)**
- **Key takeaways**
 - Consistently strong current and future purchase intentions; driven by improved styles, quality and fit
 - Elevated brand position relative to competitors
 - Uptick in men's adoption

Internet and Enterprise Software

- **Examples of insights/information we can gather:**

- Competitive/brand penetration/position
- Usage data (time, use cases)
- Past/current/future spending trends
- Business models (license vs. sub/on-site vs. cloud)
- New product adoption rates
- Net promoter score (NPS) data
- Satisfaction ratings
- ROI

- **Examples of industry categories we can study:**

Internet

- Online retail
- Social media
- Online travel/leisure
- Online media/entertainment

Enterprise Software

- Data analysis/processing
- Security
- HR management
- Cloud services

- Studies target both end-consumers and business decision makers (e.g., CIOs, CTOs, business owners, other senior decision makers, etc.)

Recent/Current Internet Case Study: NFLX U.S.

- 1,000 U.S. subscribers to in-home TV services
- Quarterly deployment schedule (began Feb '15)
- **Key takeaways:**
 - Strong adoption growth in web-based streaming options, at expense of more traditional options (i.e., cable and satellite)
 - Netflix has dominant (and growing) position
 - Amazon Prime is a distant second
 - Content increasingly important attribute for Netflix
 - Pricing not having significant impact on Netflix churn rates
 - Satisfaction levels remain very high for Netflix

* Also available a large portfolio of International NFLX studies (Brazil, Mexico, Germany, France, Japan, India, Philippines)

Recent/Current Enterprise Software Case Study: ADBE Marketing Cloud

- **135 chief marketing officers, marketing managers or other senior marketing decision-makers at large corporations**
- **Roughly quarterly deployment schedule (began Feb '14)**
- **Key takeaways**
 - Significant shift to digital marketing solutions
 - Adobe Marketing Cloud has leading market share
 - Users are increasingly utilizing multiple platforms
 - Marketing departments are main driver in tool selection process
 - Competitive landscape is expanding, including emerging new entrants

TMT

- **Examples of insights/information we can gather:**

- Competitive brand position
- Satisfaction levels
- Past/current/future spending trends
- New product adoption rates
- Net promoter scores
- Market share trends

- **Examples of industry categories we can study:**

Technology

- Consumer electronics
- Enterprise electronics

Media

- Advertising, Publishing
- Broadcasting, Cable, Satellite, OTT content
- Movies, Entertainment, Video Games

Telecom

- Integrated Services
- Wireless Carriers

Recent/Current TMT Case Study: Internet/Media

- **More than 2,500 U.S. consumers**
- **Annual deployment schedule (began May '13)**
- **Key takeaways**
 - Significant relative growth (and future intentions) in usage of newer social networks, such as Pinterest, Instagram, Snapchat and Whatsapp; No shift away from Facebook
 - Twitter currently skews more male than female and males are much more active
 - Online shopping/eCommerce: A meaningfully larger cohort of males plan to spend more on Amazon.com than females
 - Online entertainment/streaming: A larger cohort of males have already cut the cord and are accessing entertainment online than females, and males are far more likely to use all options more often going forward

Healthcare

- **Examples of insights/information we can gather:**
 - Competitive brand position
 - Satisfaction levels
 - Past/current/future usage trends
 - New device/treatment adoption rates
 - Market share trends
 - Treatment efficacies and side effects
- **Examples of industry categories we can study:**
 - Healthcare devices/equipment/supplies
 - Healthcare services/facilities
 - Managed healthcare
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Biotechnology
- **Studies target qualified physicians & other healthcare professionals (e.g., surgeons, PCPs, specialists, etc.)**

Recent Healthcare Case Study: PAD (peripheral artery disease treatment devices)

- **300 interventional cardiologists, interventional radiologists and vascular surgeons who treat peripheral artery disease (PAD)**
- **Biannual deployment schedule (began Aug '15)**
- **Key takeaways**
 - Rotational is the most common type of atherectomy procedure, followed by directional, orbital and laser
 - Each procedure category has a clear market share leader; generally high satisfaction levels and future usage intentions
 - During angioplasty, plain balloons are currently utilized more frequently than drug coated balloons, but future intentions indicate higher growth potential for drug coated
 - Significant future growth potential for device usage in both coronary atherectomy and in-stent restenosis

Representative Library of Recent Custom Studies...

Consumer:

- Airbnb/ Vacation Home Rental Trends (ABNB, BKNG)
- Pet Supply Retail Trends
- Child Care Services (BFAM)
- Athletic Footwear/Apparel (NKE, UAA, LULU, etc.)
- Restaurants (CMG, DRI, MCD, SG, SHAK, SBUX, etc.)
- Coffee/beverages (CELH, SBUX, MCD, MNST, etc.)
- Apparel & Footwear (CROX, VSCO, CPRI, TPR, etc)
- Cruise Lines (CCL, RCL, NCLH)
- Beauty (ULTA, ELF, TGT, SBH, WMT, etc.)
- Online Luxury (FTCH, RVLV, REAL, CTT, etc.)
- Furniture (RH, WSM, W, TJX, ARHS, LZB)
- Exercise equipment (PTON)
- Electric Vehicles (F, GM, TSLA)
- Home purchase/renovation (HD, LOW, MAS)

Internet/Tech Enabled Services:

- Buy Now/Pay Later (Affirm, Afterpay, Klarna, etc.)
- E-commerce (US, Brazil, Asia) (BABA, MELI, SE, etc.)
- Car/Used Car E-commerce (CVNA, KMX, CARS, CARG, VRM, etc.)
- Payment Platforms (XYZ, PYPL, GOOGL, AAPL, etc.)
- Digital Music U.S., EU, China (SPOT, AMZN, AAPL, SIRI, TME, etc.)
- Social media (FB/Insta, SNAP, TikTok, GOOGL, TWTR, etc.)
- Food delivery: U.S./EU/Southeast Asia (UBER, DASH, CART, etc.)
- ETSY buyers and sellers (ETSY, POSH, SHOP, META)
- Robotaxi Adoption Trends (UBER, TSLA, WRD, AMZN, GOOGL)
- Real Estate Platforms (Z, CSGP, etc.)

AI, Cloud Infrastructure, & Data Centers

- Cloud Infrastructure Trends: Focus on CoreWeave (CRWV)
- GPU Cluster Trends (NVDA, FN, COHR)
- Content Connectors for AI-enabled Nvidia Systems: NVL72 & NVL36 (NVDA, APH, TEL)
- AI Technology Trends B2B (META, MSFT, GOOGL)

Representative Library of Recent Custom Studies (cont)

TMT:

- Web-streaming video (NFLX, AMZN, AAPL, Hulu, etc.)
- 5G/smartphone purchase cycles (AAPL)
- Broadband Trends (CMCSA, CHTR, ATUS, T, etc.)
- Roblox Gaming Trends (RBLX)
- Cryptocurrency (\$COIN, SQ, HOOD, etc.)
- Wearable Devices (AAPL, GRMN, NKE, etc.)
- Financial technology solutions (FISV, FIS, JKHY, etc.)
- The New York Times (NYT)
- Video games/consoles (MSFT, SONY, TTWO, EA, RBLX, Fortnite)
- World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE)

Enterprise Software:

- Construction software (ADSK)
- Digital Marketing Platforms (ZETA, ADBE, CRM, ORCL)
- Creative software (ADBE)
- Digital Ad Agencies (META, RDDT, AMZN, AAPL)
- Website development/e-commerce enablers (GDDY XYZ, SHOP, WIX)
- Call center software (VRNT, NICE, ZEN, FIVN, etc.)
- Restaurant POS Systems (TOST)
- Network security software/firewalls (PANW, CHKP, FTNT, etc.)
- Robotic Process Automation (PRSM, PEGA, etc.)
- E-signature solutions (DOCU, ADBE)
- Database management software DBaaS (MDB, AMZN, CRM, ORCL)
- Intuit QuickBooks (INTU)
- Cloud Solutions (MSFT Azure, AWS, CRM, WDAY, etc.)
- Video conferencing UCaaS (ZM, AVYA, MSFT, RNG, etc.)

Representative Library of Recent Custom Studies (cont)

Healthcare:

- Colorectal cancer screening (EXAS)
- Telehealth (DOCS, TDOC, AMWL, etc.)
- GLP1 Usage & Prescription Trends (LLY, NVO)
- Dental/clear aligners U.S./China (ALGN, MMM)
- Transcatheter aortic valve replacement/TMW (BSX, EW, MDT, STJ, etc.)
- Carotid Artery/Stenosis (SILK, MDT, BSX, ABT, etc.)
- Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) treatments (CSII, SPNC, MDT, BCR, BSX, etc.)
- Continuous Glucose Monitoring U.S. and Europe (ABT, DXCM, MDT, etc.)
- Indolent Systemic Mastocytosis Treatments (BPMC, COGT)
- Orthopedic surgery/robotics (ZBH, SYK, JNJ, SNN, etc.)
- Sinusitis treatment (Intersect ENT, MDT)
- Pet/animal health (ZTS, PETX, PETS, ABS, etc.)

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