## Mastercard Loyalty Optimizer

An end-to-end loyalty, consulting, analytics and marketing solution to drive cardholder engagement and unlock incremental portfolio profitability

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Cardholder loyalty program expectations have changed. To drive continued loyalty engagement & card usage, issuers must:

- Gain an accurate, holistic understanding of their program performance to optimize and enhance engagement
- Adapt an analytics-driven, omni-channel marketing approach
- Provide a personalized loyalty cardholder experience





Driving cardholder preference through your loyalty program is key to your performance.



Loyalty rewards are a top influencer of card choice



factor of why consumers use one credit card over another<sup>1</sup>

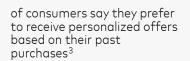
TSYS US Consumer Payments Study, 2018
Mastercard Rewards Study, 2018
Merkle Loyalty Barometer Report, March 2021



## And consumers' habits and expectations are changing



of consumers prefer instant rewards redemption<sup>2</sup>







Issuers struggle to determine whether their programs are working and how they can improve cardholder engagement



4. Mastercard-sponsored Harvard Business Review Analytic Services Report, 2019

Loyalty is a key priority and revenue driver for issuers



of executives say their c-suite makes loyalty a top priority<sup>4</sup>

5. KPMG Customer Loyalty report, 2019

Advanced program analytics is often absent



of businesses claim to have best-in-class ROI measurement capabilities for their loyalty initiatives<sup>4</sup> Optimizing cardholder engagement is challenging

61%

of consumers agree that programs are too difficult to join or earn rewards<sup>5</sup>  $\rightarrow$ 

Innovation strategy and execution remains difficult

46%

of business execs say that their loyalty program lacks innovation<sup>4</sup>

To maximize loyalty returns, issuers must take an analytics-driven approach to measuring, optimizing and executing their loyalty programs.

Cardholders that are more engaged spend more



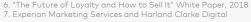
more spend from consumers that redeem rewards<sup>6</sup>



more earnings from redeemers versus non-redeemers<sup>6</sup>

Personalized marketing and offers pays off 29%

Increase in transactions when targeted marketing is used<sup>7</sup>







### Mastercard Loyalty Optimizer:

A four-step analytics, consulting and marketing solution for Mastercard Rewards System (MRS) users to optimize the cardholder experience and drive long-term engagement.

From proprietary, enhanced data analytics platforms to best-in-class marketing experts and end-to-end execution and optimization, Mastercard Loyalty Optimizer helps issuers unlock incremental portfolio profitability.





Advanced analytics, expertise and optimization are at the heart of Mastercard Loyalty Optimizer.



Accurate performance measurement Obtain key portfolio KPIs, recommendations and timely status updates with a centralized dashboard that includes acquisition, EMOB, spend and loyaltyspecific insights.



#### Data-driven loyalty strategy

Analyze current and past program performance to identify and prioritize opportunities for maximum incremental revenue and engagement.



#### Fully-managed marketing design & execution

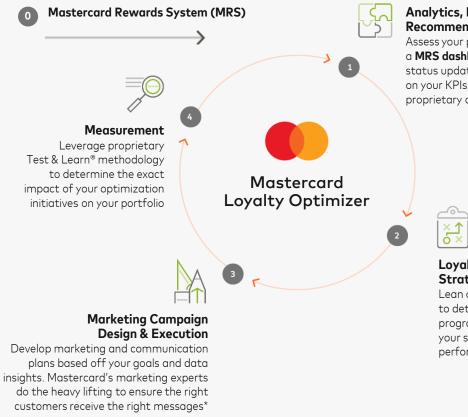
Develop a holistic approach to cardholder marketing based on your business objectives and robust analysis insights. Our marketing experts can design, develop and execute earning and redemption accelerator campaigns or program awareness campaigns.

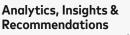


Best-in-class analytics Leverage Mastercard's proprietary Test & Learn® methodology to understand and optimize the impact of your marketing campaigns and loyalty initiatives.



Loyalty Optimizer is a comprehensive consulting, analytics and marketing solution that enables Mastercard Rewards System (MRS) users to unlock incremental profitability with increased loyalty engagement.





Assess your program performance with a MRS dashboard for regular program status updates and recommendations on your KPIs, all based on Mastercard's proprietary analytics



#### Loyalty Program **Strategy Optimization**

Lean on our consulting experts to determine opportunities for program optimization based on your strategic objectives and performance



## Use a tailored diagnostics dashboard to pinpoint key insights and uncover optimization recommendations.



#### **Enhanced Dashboard\***

A tailored diagnostics dashboard that pinpoints key insights and offers optimization recommendations.

\*Dashboard representations are illustrative, dashboard outputs may vary by issuer needs. Custom dashboard updates daily.



### Tap into the Enhanced Dashboard's advanced analytics and recommendations.



#### Portfolio and account status

- Analyze your portfolio by account status
- Identify trends in enrollments for customers and accounts over the last 15 months
- Determine what card types and products are performing best across new and at-risk cardholders to refine your segment strategies

#### Loyalty metrics

- Recognize trends in redemption behaviors
- Split cardholder spend patterns out by:
  - Redemption activity
  - Redeemer type
  - Redemption reward category
  - Redemption channel
  - Product type
- Understand which initiatives drive first-time versus repeat redemption and measure incremental increases
- Identify which redemption behaviors drive retention
- Engage in cost-benefit analyses of redemption channels



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#### **Early Month on Book Activation**

 Determine the number of active vs. inactive spenders acquired in the past 6 months to inform cardholder activation initiatives

Spend activity

- Examine cardholder spend by:
  - Overall spend, transaction size and frequency
  - Active vs. inactive accounts
  - International vs. domestic spend
  - Industry segments
- Create a heatmap to compare spending by card type, industry spend and segments
- Quantify the incremental increase in spend from loyalty initiatives





## Identify and prioritize key gaps and concern areas from dashboard analyses

#### Examples: observed concern areas

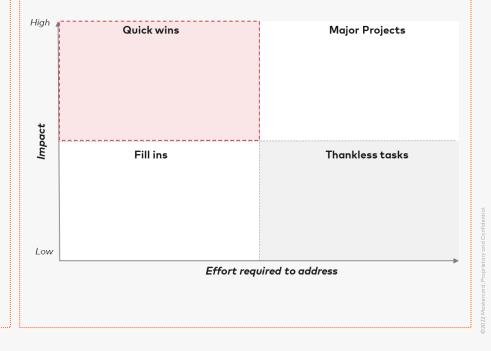
#### Spend activity

- Declining spend trend
- Limited card usage Credit / Debit cards used only within a limited set of categories
- Low cross-border usage and penetration
- High customer attrition
- Low and/or declining acquisition and activation rates
- Unused potential for card upgrades

#### Loyalty metrics

- Lack of redemption by a large segment
- Under-optimized redemption channels and categories
- Points liability by categories determining the optimal mix and how to drive usage

#### Prioritize concern areas based on importance and ease of solution implementation:





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Mastercard consulting experts will define a strategic loyalty program approach to engage consumers across the entire journey and optimize your portfolio based on key business objectives and past performance.



- Redemption
- Reward offering
- UX
- Communication strategy
- Program economics

- Uparade and cross-sell
- Customer retention
- Cost optimization
- Ongoing P&L analysis

High-level design considerations, such as:

- UX enhancement gamification, digital and mobile
- Optimization of funding model issuer / merchant / hybrid



address (from step 1)

## Improve and optimize any part of your loyalty marketing mix with our marketing expertise.

Our insights-based marketing approach to *hypothesize*, *experiment*, *learn* and *optimize* (HELO) leverages design thinking, deliberate experimentation, actionable insights, and iterative testing to optimize the consumer journey and deliver sustainable portfolio growth.

#### How we help you drive value:



#### Strategic planning

Creating a joint learning agenda based on your portfolio objectives and past performance to **hypothesize** best go-forward loyalty strategies

#### Campaign design

Developing target cardholder segments, offers, rewards, messaging and channel mix based on past segment behavior and existing relationship stage

## Creative development

Incorporating design thinking to **experiment** with best-in-class creatives, including visuals, messaging, offers and calls to action

### Campaian execution

Leveraging subject matter expertise in campaign management and optimization in digital and offline marketing channels like email, SMS and direct mail



#### SAMPLE RESULTS

Campaign analysis & learnings

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opportunities with Test & Learn®

Analyzing the impact

and transactions to learn.

optimize and identify future

**76%** increase in conversion rates through landing page design

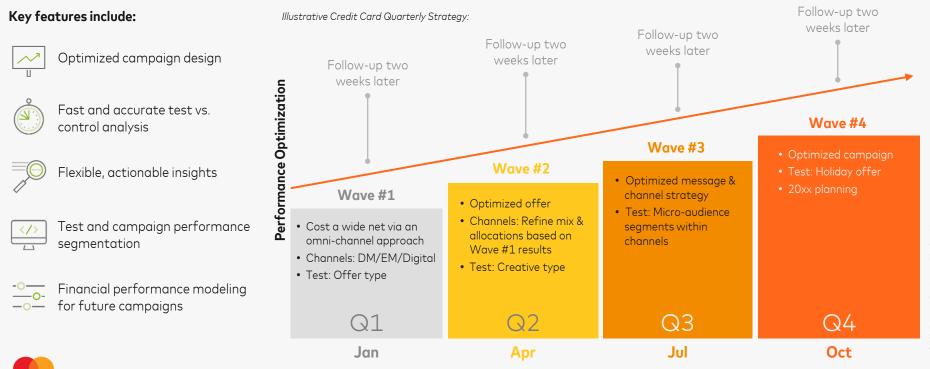
**65%** increase in rewards program enrollment with microsite design

**150%** lift in spend on reactivation of inactives with direct mail





## Measure and optimize your loyalty initiatives in waves to continuously improve your go-forward marketing plan with the Test & Learn<sup>®</sup> analytics platform.



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Drive a digital-first, optimized cardholder experience and unlock incremental portfolio profitability with Loyalty Optimizer.



**Build an effective and sustainable loyalty program strategy** that rewards cardholders with relevant, in-the-moment offers and communications



**Acquire, engage and retain cardholders** with best-in-class, personalized marketing campaigns, designed to deliver on your business objectives



**Gain insights and identify opportunities** with advanced analytics to improve portfolio performance, continually optimizing marketing levers for maximum ROI



## Get Loyalty Optimizer up and running in just a few weeks.\*





## Mastercard is uniquely positioned to help issuers re-imagine and optimize their loyalty programs



#### Unmatched global expertise

We serve 2,500+ customers in 70+ markets with capabilities ranging from analytics and consulting, to innovation and loyalty services.

Mastercard's extensive **loyalty experience** can help you deliver on your priorities.



#### Marketing know-how

Mastercard has executed thousands of marketing campaigns in 70+ countries. We draw on that experience and our extensive loyalty program experience to design and orchestrate strategies that deliver on your business objectives.



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#### **Deeper insights**

Leverage Mastercard's payments network of 2.5 billion cards, 73 billion purchase transactions and advanced data analytics to tap into richer, more actionable insights.

#### Analytics and optimization

Achieve more effective marketing and sustainable growth with multi-phased campaigns and ongoing optimization. Move beyond "one and done" campaigns to an always-on program of dynamic marketing, delivery strategy and execution.



MASTERCARD LOYALTY OPTIMIZER | MEA CASE STUDY

## Loyalty Optimizer | MEA case study

A Middle Eastern client used Mastercard Loyalty Optimizer's enhanced dashboard to guide strategic decisioning

#### Context & Challenge

- A Relationship Rewards client in MEA was looking to **double their card portfolio** of approximately 3MM accounts and **maximize profitability.**
- They wanted to **better understand the impact of their program** as well as what areas of the program to focus on.

#### Approach & Solution

- Mastercard Loyalty Optimizer consultants met with the client to understand their goals, ran the dashboard and presented findings and high-level recommendations.
- The client initially signed on for two deliveries of the Module 1 Enhanced Dashboard but has now requested an ongoing monthly run of the dashboard.
- Additional opportunities for program optimization discussion include a deep dive review of the client's website and program economics; marketing and communications to targeted segments; Test & Learn measurement of campaign success; and Personalized Card-Linked Offers or Promotions enablement for the client.



#### Example Recommendations

36% of Credit GS Accts active vs.19% Debit 38%

of overall credit card spend made by Platinum cards<sup>%</sup>

Sales focus to increase x-sell of credit card to debit cardholders; EMOB strategy to activate Spend stimulation to upgrade segment of customers from Gold to

Titanium and Platinum

## +2.6X

Spend - Heavy Redeemers

Campaign to move Active Redeemers to Heavy Redeemers; increase redeemers overall

Customer Testimonials

"We haven't seen anything like this before."

"Dashboard insights were good quality - will be used for our strategy."



# Let's get started.

For more information on Mastercard Loyalty Optimizer, including pricing of the individual modules, please contact your account representative.



**Connect** with your Program Manager to run a Dashboard of your metrics



**Collaborate** with a Mastercard consulting professional to review metrics and identify improvement opportunities



**Partner** with our marketing experts to design and execute marketing & communications campaigns based on your strategic objectives

