# The Art and Science of Selling on Value vs. Price





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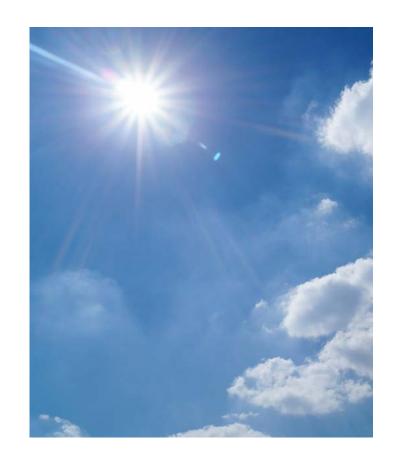
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### **Nothing But Clear Skies... Right?**

#### 2015 Was A Great Year:

- New car sales up 5.7% from 2014<sup>1</sup>
- New car average selling price/car was up as well<sup>1</sup>
- Used car sales up 1.8% from 2014<sup>2</sup>
- Low gas prices stimulating demand among consumers to upgrade



### **SOME STORM CLOUDS AHEAD....**

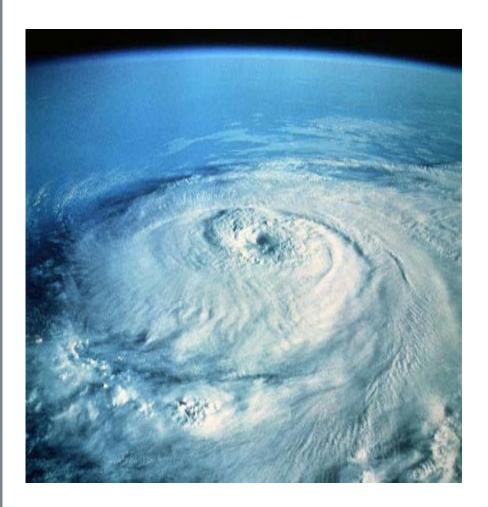


- Consensus from Analysts... slower 2016 and beyond
- Higher interest rates anticipated<sup>1</sup>
- Compliance with new emissions regulations will result in higher costs and price some out of market
- Consumer confidence likely to decline

http://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/2015/10/14/headwinds-us-auto-sales-not-expected-until-2017/73926608/



### **MORE THAN JUST "STORM CLOUDS"**



- Looking beyond trailing indicators
- Factoring in real consumer insight
- Filtering through experience of what happens on the floor

### A 3- FRONT PERFECT STORM IS BREWING

### THE PERFECT STORM: FRONT #1

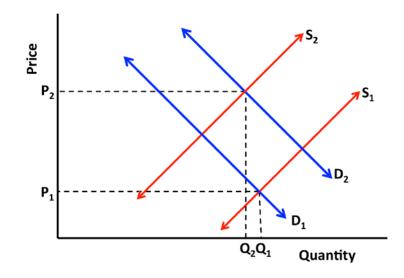


- Tech Enabled Consumers are Smarter, More Demanding
- 78% of consumers use Internet to purchase/research products<sup>1</sup>
- 82% of smart-phone users will "shop" prices while in your store<sup>2</sup>
- Consumers who <u>"showroom"</u>
   while in your store are likely to
   visit another dealer within 24
   hours<sup>2</sup>

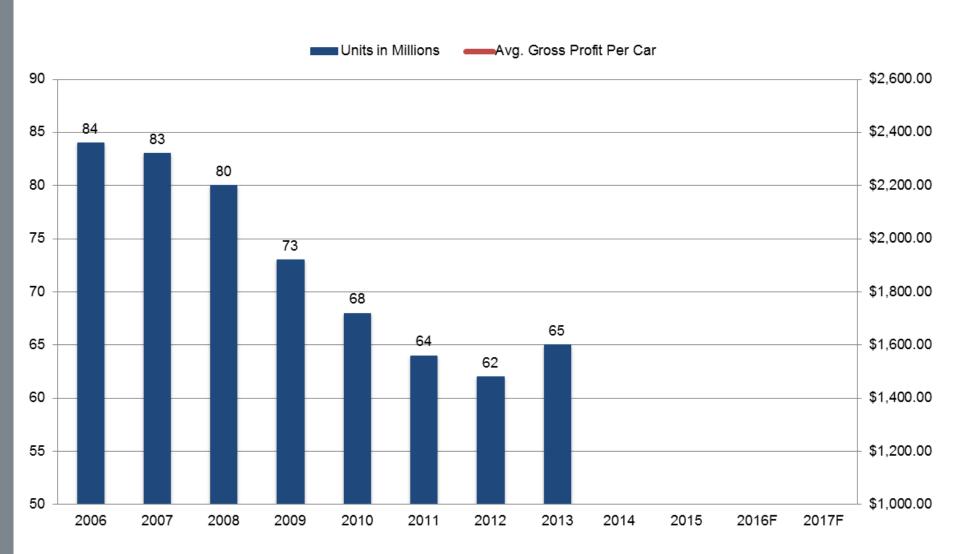
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### THE PERFECT STORM: FRONT #2

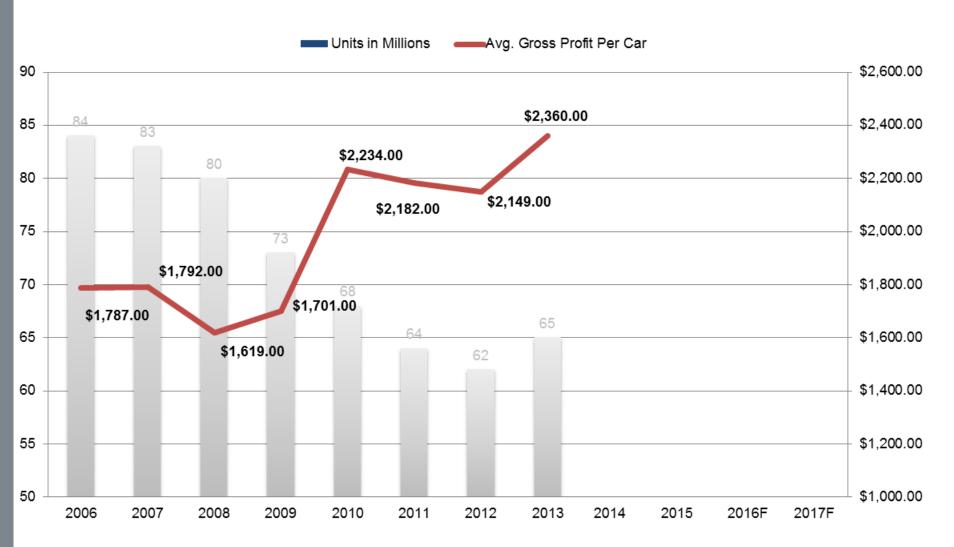
- Supply Shifts Dramatically Impacting Prices / Behaviors
- Used car inventories rising dramatically
- Part of what is driving this is the massive influx of off-lease vehicles into the market (NADA stats on off-lease vehicles, quotes from 1/8/16 article from Wards Auto)
- Used car prices will need to be reduced going forward (article on CarMax Q4 results, quote from Zack's)















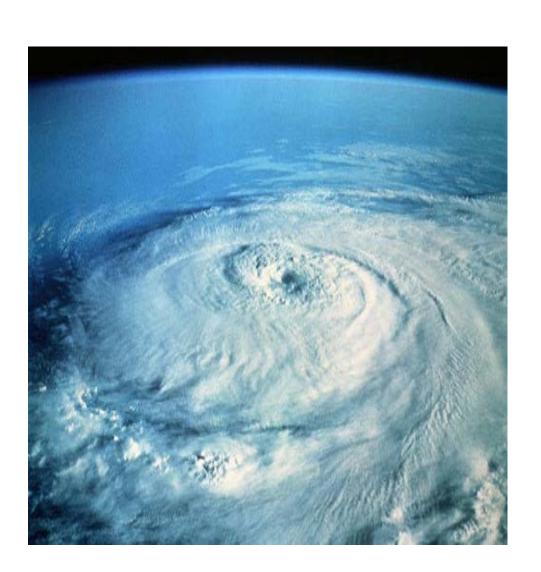
### THE PERFECT STORM: FRONT #3

## Same Old Sales Play Not Working

- Adoption of Market-Based Pricing cedes first price decrease before consumer walks in door
- Inability to adapt into "product experts" leaves salespeople unable build trust needed to sell on value leaving price as only closing tool
- Dealers are confronted with unbridled "double discounting



### **IMPACT OF THE STORM**



Race to the Bottom

Declining Gross
Profits

**Crushed Profitability** 

Car by car, salesperson by salesperson... dealers that are unwilling to innovate are taking on water as a direct result of leaky profits

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### **NOT UNIQUE TO AUTO INDUSTRY**



















### **SILVER LINING**

### What factor most influenced your buying decision?

- •79% felt they were getting VALUE & QUALITY at a FAIR price<sup>1</sup>
- •21% LOWEST price<sup>1</sup>



### **MORE THAN SURVIVING...THRIVING**

- Consumers are buying cars based on value.
  - Dealers that thrive in this new world of
    - mobile-powered buyers, higher inventory & lower prices
      - price, market, and sell in a way that captures and retains some of that value.



### **CONSUMER OPTIMIZED DIGITAL EXECUTION**

### "C.O.D.E."

- <u>Consumer Optimized:</u> Deep understanding of today's car buyers and how they research, shop and purchasing vehicles
- **Digital Execution:** Best-in-class:
  - Pricing cars to get in the game
  - Marketing cars in ways buyers notice



Selling cars profitably by building trust and value.

### **HOW DO WE OVERCOME THIS?**

# WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE CONSUMER OF TODAY....







### **CONSUMER OPTIMIZED**

Rooted in a deep understanding of today's car buyers and the ways they go about researching, shopping for, and purchasing vehicles

#### **How Consumers Search**

YEAR
MAKE/MODEL
COLOR
MILEAGE
PRICE
LOGICAL

#### **How Consumers Buy**

EXCITEMENT

**TRUST** 

**CONFIDENCE** 

PERCEIVED VALUE

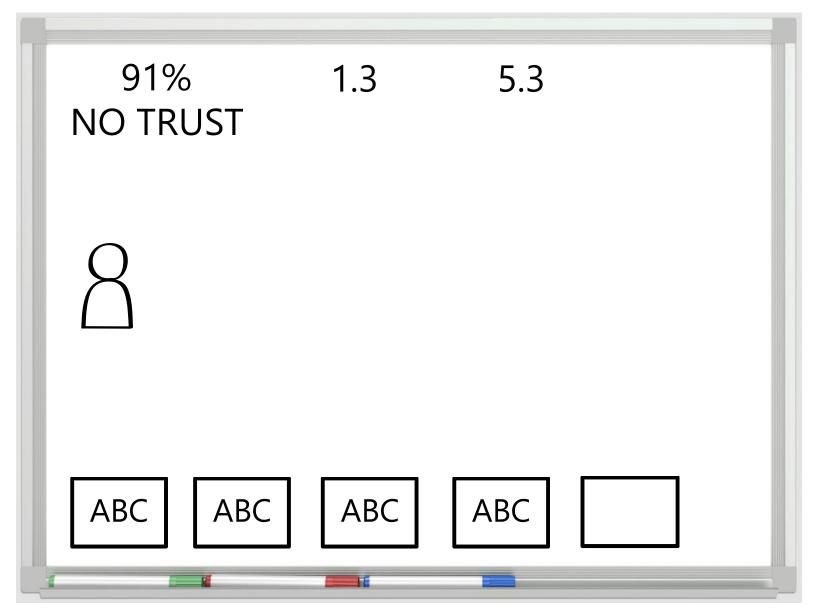
FAIR PRICE

**EMOTIONAI** 

They Can't Be Separated

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### 64 MILLION MILLENNIALS

Are expected to buy a car in the next five years

Customer Experience is 3X more important to them than vehicle design

### WHY IS CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE SO IMPORTANT

 Millennials aren't that into cars



2. Millennials have higher expectations for their purchase experience across all products





## 3 WAYS TO WIN WITH ALL CUSTOMER, NOT JUST MILLENNIALS

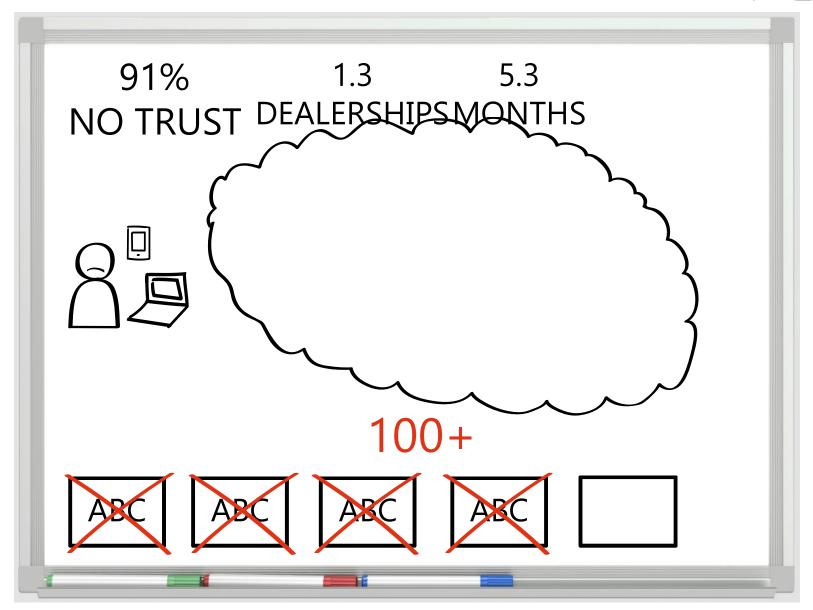
- 1. Speak Their Language
- 2. Ensure Your Salespeople Are Product Experts First
- 3. Make Mobile Your Ally, Not Your Enemy



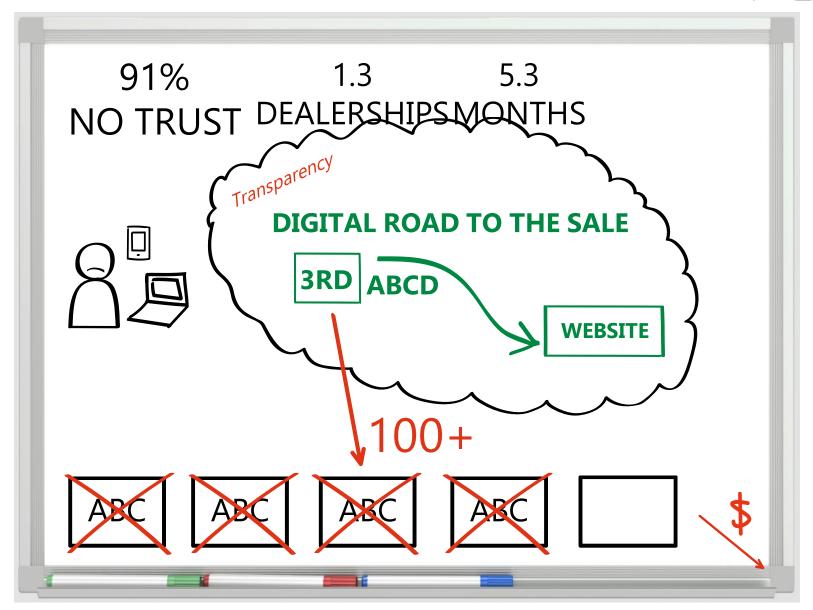
Gen Y consumers would prefer to purchase a car without negotiating with a salesperson











### **HOW TO ACHIVE VOLUME WITH GROSS**

Acquire Inventory Right

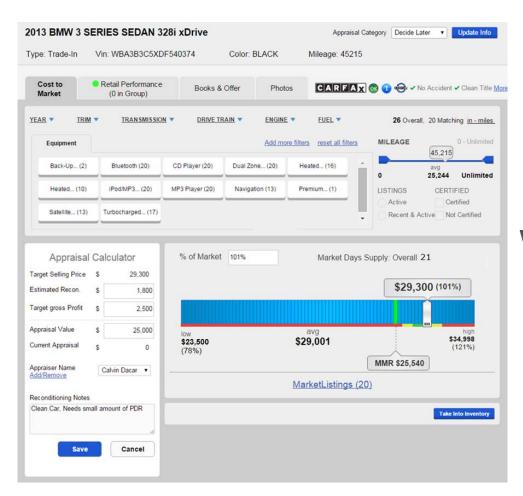
Drive Max Traffic & Close At or Near Asking Price



**Cost To Market Appraising** 



### **VOLUME WITH GROSS**



### COST TO MARKET APPRASING

What is your exit strategy:

Retail or Wholesale?

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### **BEST IN CLASS PRICING TOOL**

Price To Be
"In The Game"
Online



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# Define Your Competitive set



### Price To Be In The Game



# Know Your Pricing Proof Points

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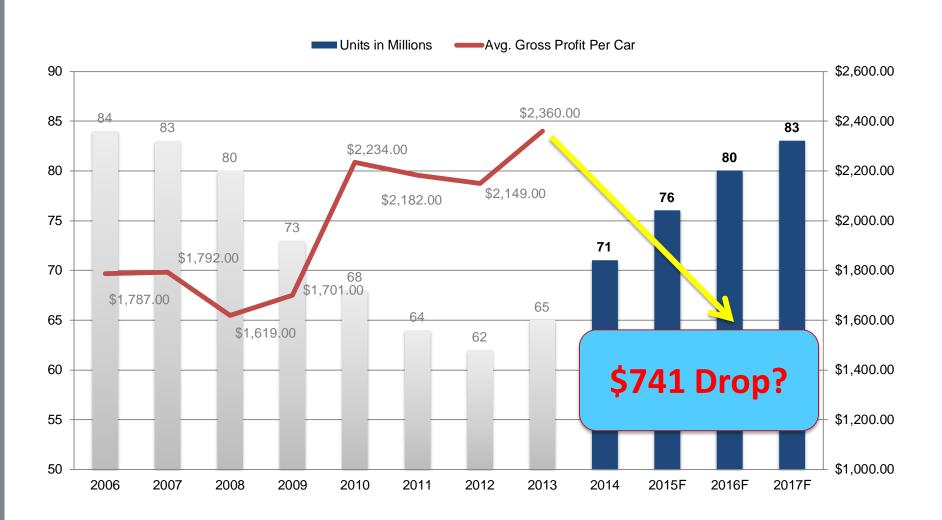
 Setup low or no "drop" during negotiation

Start Negotiating in Hundreds NOT

**Thousands** 







# Drive Max Traffic Close At Or Near Asking Price



### Drive Max Traffic & Close At/Near Asking Price

# **Buyer Experience Built Around How Consumers Make Decisions**

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# Buyer Experience Built Around How Consumers Make Decisions

Price to be
"In the Game"
&

Max your Ad



Establish Pricing Proof Points



Opportunity
To Close At
Asking Price

Drive Max Traffic

Set Up Close At/Near
Asking Price

Adapt Your Sales
Process to Overcome
the Double Discount

# Win at every interaction point Digital Inventory Must Sell Itself

MARKETING CARS IN WAYS BUYERS NOTICE







**BDC & Sales Tower** 

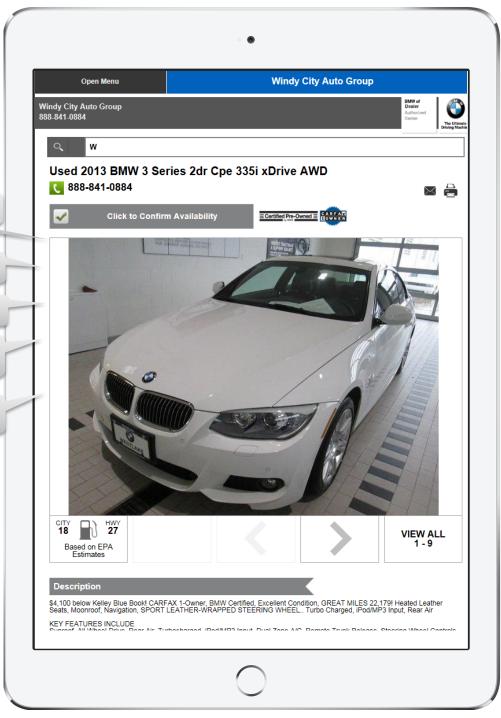


**Showroom Floor** 



On The Lot / After Hours





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Is this a fair price?

Am I buying a lemon?

Is this car right for me?

Why is this car better than all the others I've seen?

Why should I buy from this dealer?

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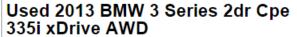


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Schedule Test Drive



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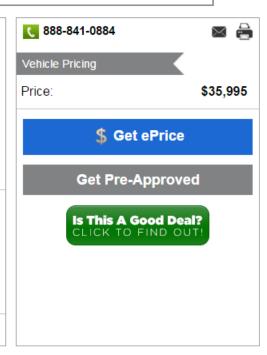
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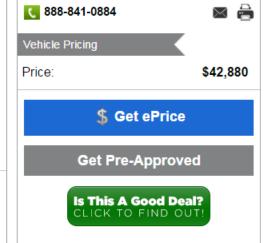


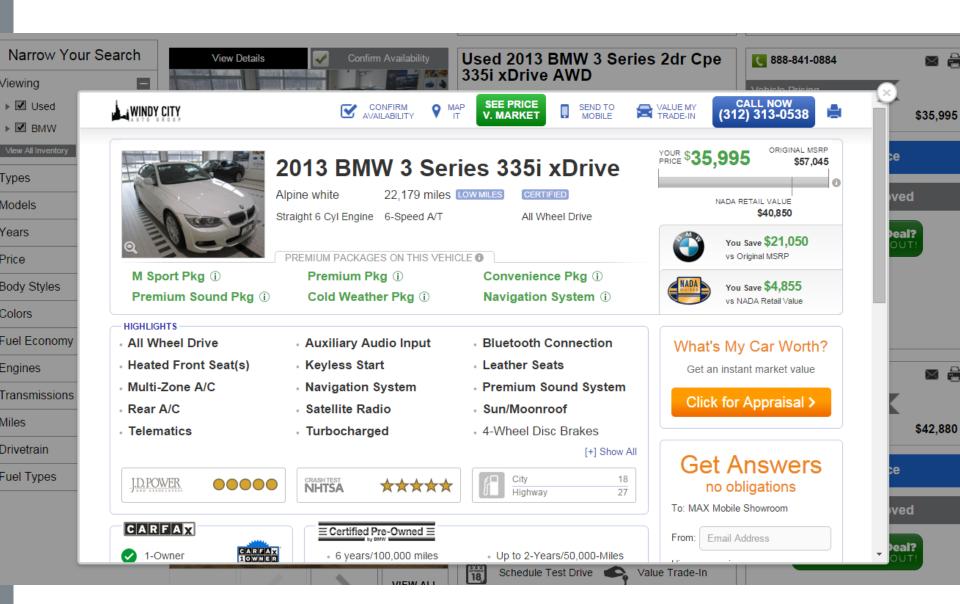
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#### What Does the Future Hold?

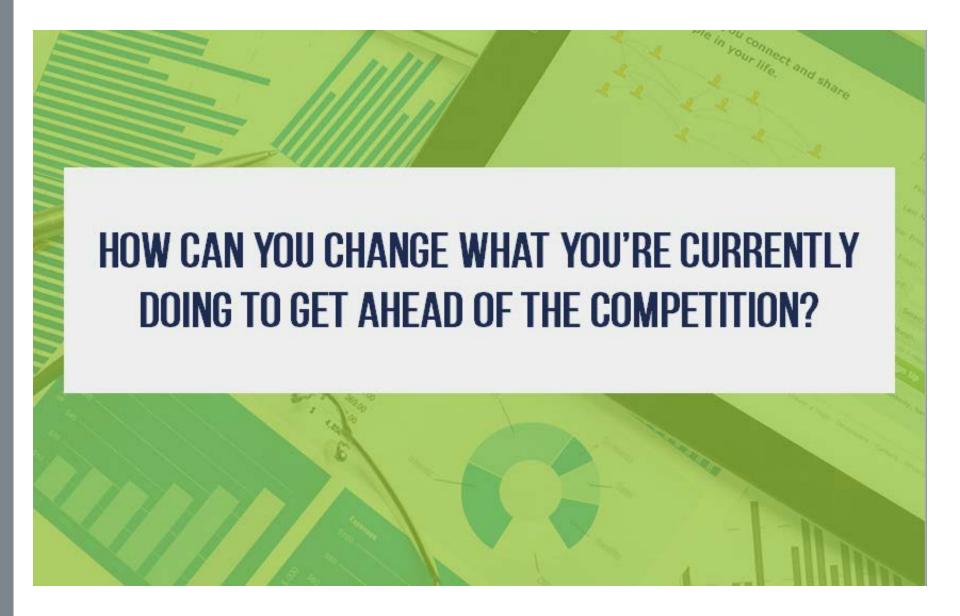
Dealers already gave up big gross profits through Market Based Pricing

Average gross profits are forecasted to decline in the coming years

**Continued pressure from Market Based Pricing** 

Increased used car supply





# **Close Deals Without DISCOUNTING**

DISCOUNTS Are a lot smaller when they are required





# What Do They Do Differently?

✓ Proactively build value in every car

✓ Proactively build trust in the process

✓ Proactively build value in price



# Proactively Build Value in Every Car

✓ Share concrete evidence with the consumer instead of speaking at a high level

- ✓ Sell the specific unit, not the model
- Most consumers have already decided on model, they want to know why this car



✓ Point out differentiators proactively instead of waiting to be asked by the consumer

# Proactively Build Trust in the Process

- √ 91 percent of consumers don't trust car salesmen
  - ✓ Provide evidence proactively
  - ✓ Create a sense of "transparency"
    - ✓ Can't just talk, must show proof



# Proactively Build Value in Price



✓ Build value with the consumer to avoid the need for a discount for them to feel like they got a "fair deal"

✓ No longer discount to get the deal closed





## Consumers Don't Want Salespeople...



## **They Want Product Experts!**

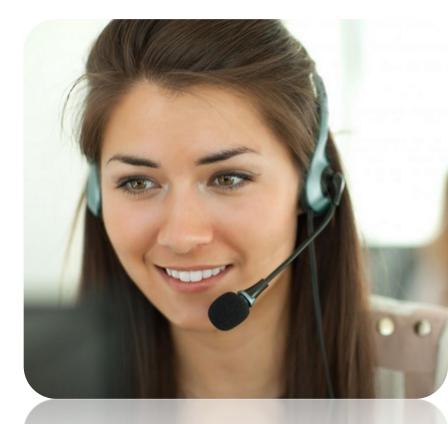
How can you make your team an expert on every pre-owned car on your lot?

# **Adapt Your Process**

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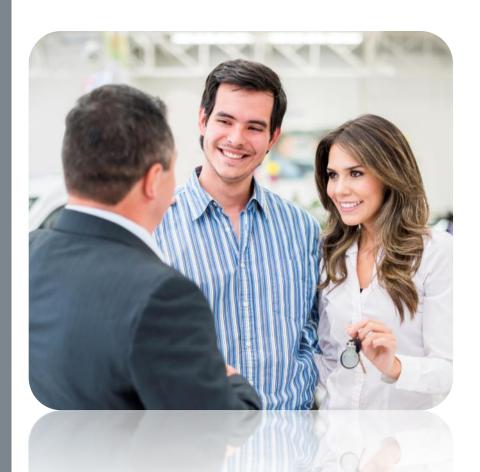


#### **BDC Process**



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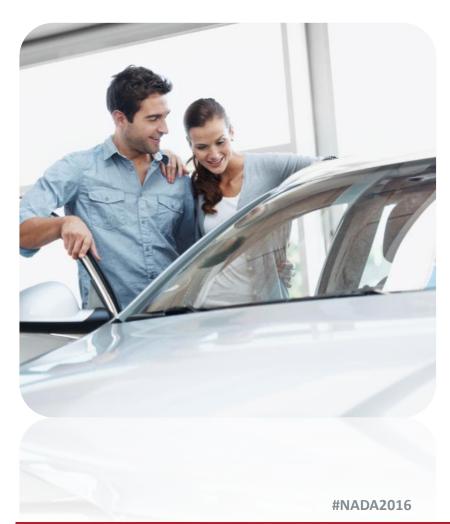
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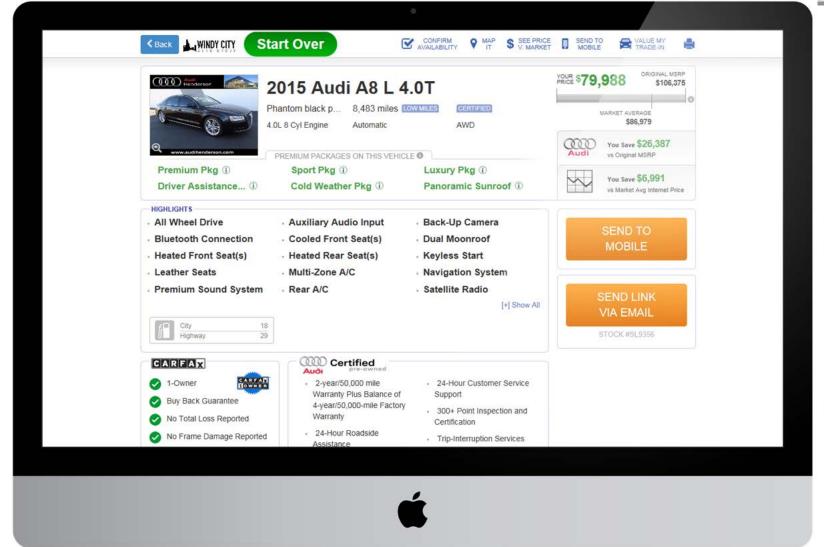
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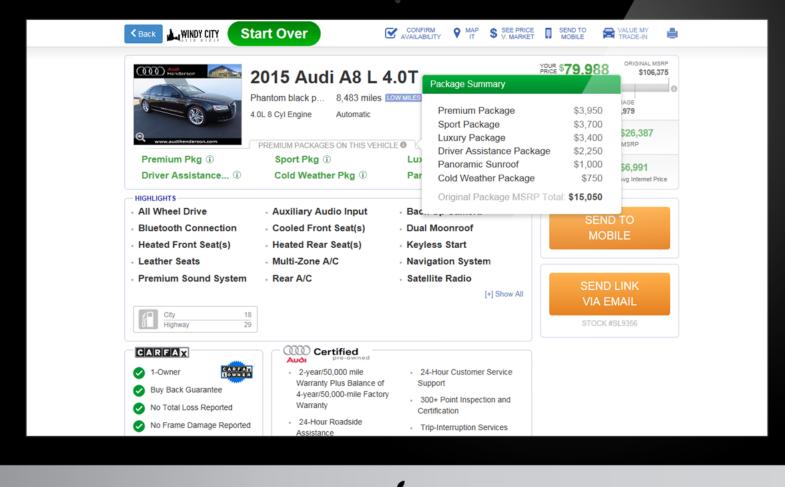
#### **Showroom Floor**

- Build trust and transparency with the 91% of consumers that don't trust car salespeople
- Expand the set of cars on your lot that the consumer may be interested in
- Email them the information while at the store that they can use on the lot or during the test drive



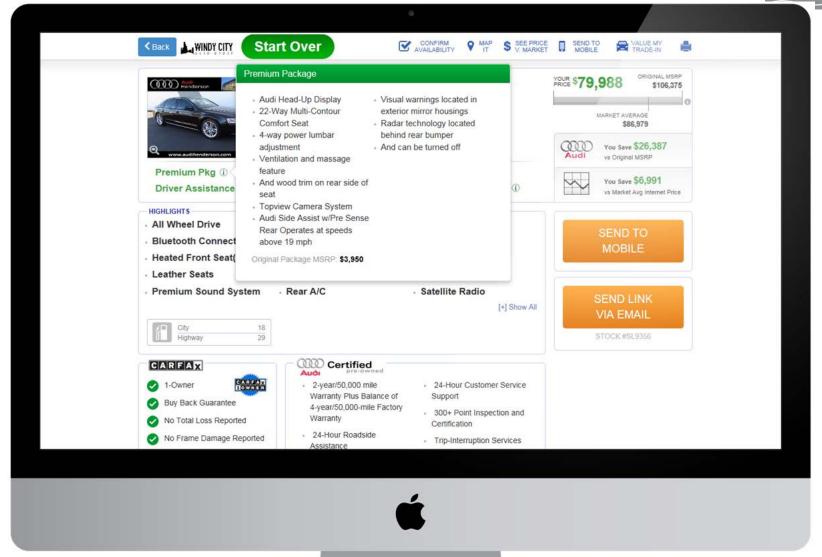




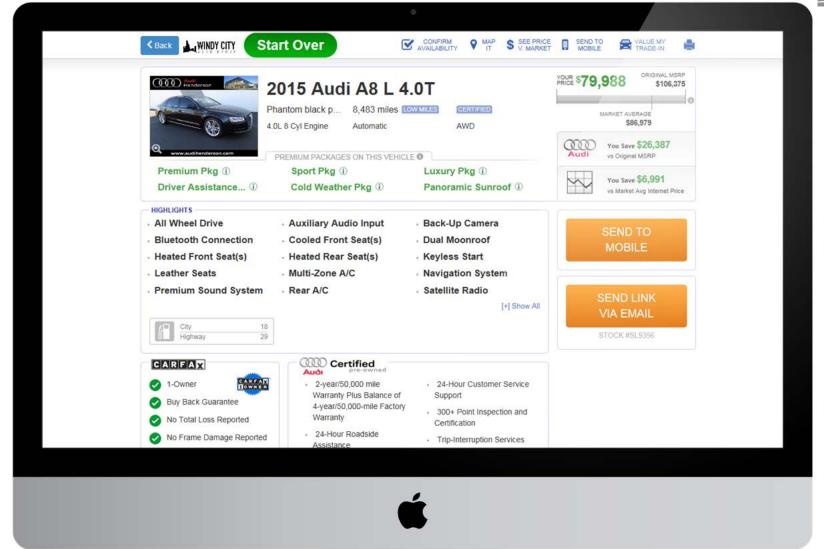












## **Sales Process**

#### On The Lot

Become the Bionic Salesman

Build value in each car by using as a resource/crib notes

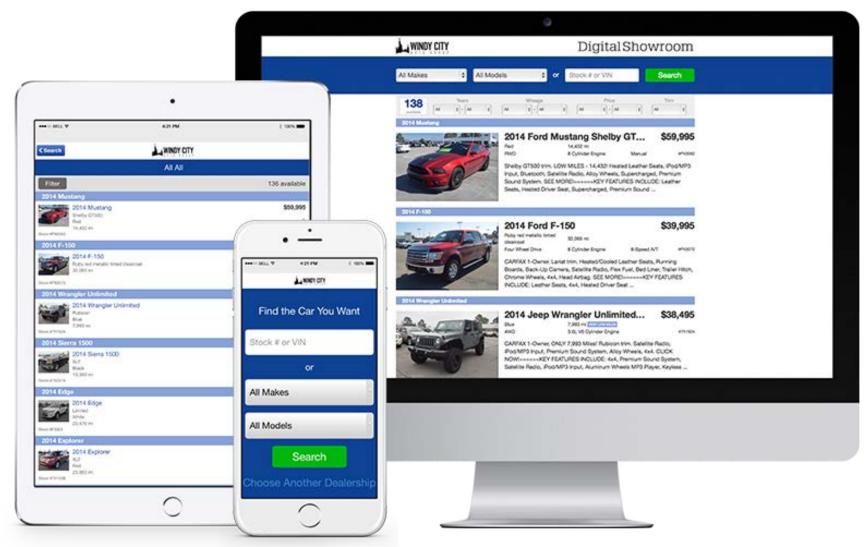
 Email the information directly to the consumer or have them scan. They can see the information on their own device

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## The Rise of Mobile







# 82% Of Smartphone Users Go Online While In Stores

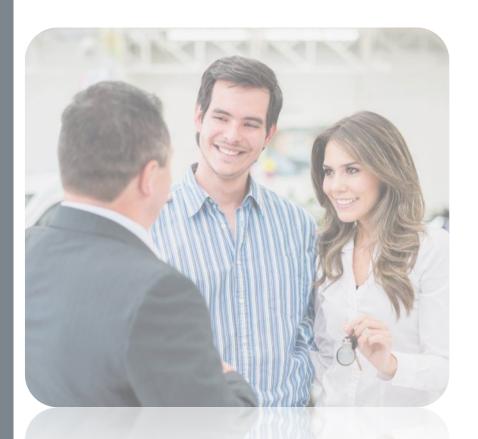


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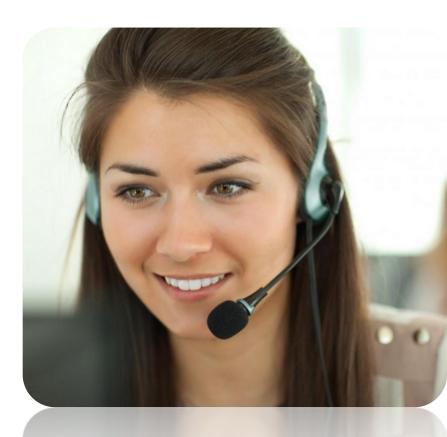
#### Which Site Do You Want Them On?

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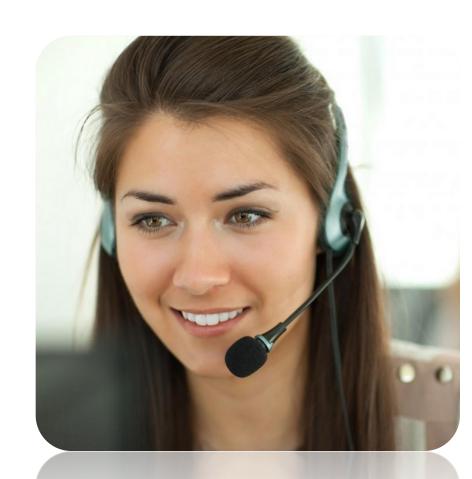


#### **BDC Process**

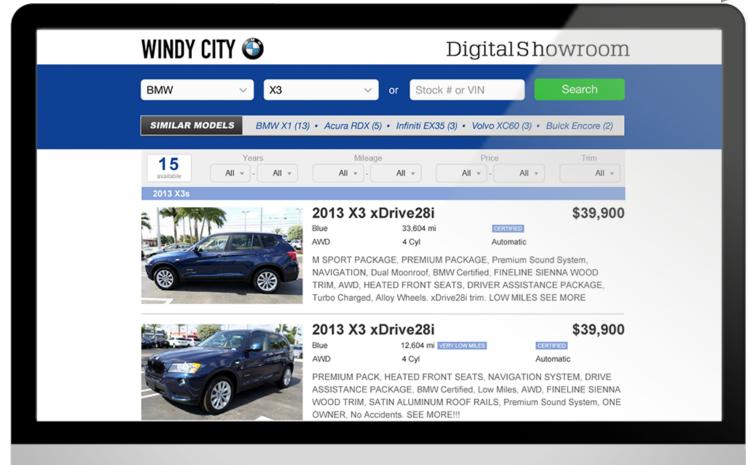


# **Business Development Center**

- ✓ Ensure every representative on the phone can build value in every car and call
- Engage consumer and build a sense of transparency by emailing them about any car they are interested in
- Expand the set of cars on your lot that the consumer may be interested in











### To Achieve "A" Player Status:

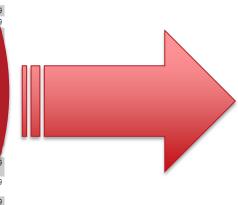
- 1 Signal You're a Different Kind of Dealership
  - Build trust from moment consumer walks in door with branding and messaging
- 2 Build Maximum Quality & Value in every car
  - Replace inventory sheets and pricing on the cars with technology
  - Train your sales team on how to build quality & value at a "Fair price"





# Harness the power of Technology to build excitement about the car on your phone while walking the lot and on a test drive

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22) 2011 By IQ - 3.0L Straight 6 Cylinder BLUE 58,221	\$20,769
23) 2013 BMW 3 St. GLACIER SILVER	\$29,989
24) 2010 BMW M6 CON. Engine) 496150	\$48,879
25) 2012 BMW 5 SERIES SEDAN 526. 6151	\$36,989
26) 2012 BMW 5 SERIES SEDAN 528i (RWD-2	\$34,879





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## **To Achieve "A" Player Status:**

- 1 Signal You're a Different Kind of Dealership
  - Build trust from moment consumer walks in door with branding and messaging
- 2 Build Maximum Quality & value in every car

Require sales people to print 3<sup>rd</sup> Party information and review the quality & value of the vehicle before presenting numbers to the customer.





#### 2013 BMW 3 Series 328i

32,047 miles LOWMILES

CERTIFIED

Straight 6 Cyl Engine

6-Speed A/T

Rear Wheel Drive





**\$54,095**Price is **\$21,184**Below Original MSRP



\$34,625 Price is \$1,714 Below Kelley Blue Book Retail Value



\$33,750 Price is \$839 Below NADA Retail Value



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#### Comparisons in the Market: 7 Listings

Vehicle Description	Color	Mileage	Certified	Internet Price	Your Price Savings		
2013 BMW 3 Series Convertible 328i	White	21,338		\$34,931	You Save \$2,020		
Low miles and loaded! Includes GPS NAVIGATION, KEYLESS ACCESS & PUSH-BUTTON START, FRONT & REAR PARKING SENSORS, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING W							
2013 BMW 3 Series Convertible 328i	Black	31,125	•	\$34,755	You Save \$1,844		
BMW Certified, CARFAX 1-Owner, ONLY 31,125 Miles! 328i trim. \$1,000 below Kelley Blue Book! Heated Leather Seats, NAV, SPORT LEATHER-WRAPPED STEERING							
2013 BMW 3 Series Convertible 328i	Black	27,651	~	\$34,755	You Save \$1,844		
\$1,700 below Kelley Blue Book! BMW Certified, CARFAX 1-Owner, GREAT MILES 24,342! Heated Leather Seats, Navigation, BMW ASSIST W/BLUETOOTH, SPORT LEAT							
2013 BMW 3 Series Convertible 328i	Black	26,513	~	\$34,719	You Save \$1,808		
CARFAX 1-Owner, Dealer Certified, GREAT MILES 26,513! \$200 below NADA Retail! NAV, Heated Leather Seats, Apple iPhone / iPod Integration, Alloy Wheels							
2013 BMW 3 Series Convertible 328i	Black	39,310		\$33,990	You Save \$1,079		
2013 BMW 3 Series Convertible 328i	White	27,366		\$33,726	You Save \$815		

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## Digital Execution - What did we learn

- Price Right—Get in the Game—pricing at or near market average so
  you get seen online and draw the traffic, without going so low that you
  diminish your chances of ever making money
- Market Right—Be Noticed by Being Relevant—advertising cars based upon "value" shoppers are really looking for and giving them tools to investigate themselves
- Sell Right—Use Expertise to Create Excitement—converting sales process to build motivation and urgency will be a sales process to be a sales proce



## **Consumer Optimized**

## Which would you rather be?





### Past:

## **Future:**



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# Questions

# The Art and Science of Selling on Value vs. Price



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