

# PLAN TO PLATE

How hospitality brands and operators can interrupt, engage and influence the customer journey

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# Introducing the new & improved 'Plan to Plate' consumer tracker from KAM

Data for this wave was collected in March 2024. Analysing consumer behaviour for the period Jan - March 2024. From a sample size of 1,000 nationally representative UK adults (+18).

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Every quarter, KAM will track and trend UK consumer behaviour from 'plan to plate', understanding every touchpoint of their journey within hospitality.



New quarterly tracker from KAM



Nat Rep sample of UK adults (+18)



Latest wave of research conducted



Upcoming waves this year



We're pleased to partner with KAM on the Plan to Plate report, showcasing important drinking and dining trends in hospitality. Younger generations depend on their mobile to decide when and where to eat. Not only that, they value technology as a part of the overall visit experience. If building better guest experience is what we want, digital guest engagement should be central to our efforts.

Getting guests to visit more frequently and spend more per visit goes to the heart of what guest engagement technology is meant to do for restaurants and pubs.

To that end, this report will provide valuable insight into key hospitality trends for each stage of the customer journey, from plan to plate and more.

Charles Gray, Chief Revenue Officer, [Paytronix](#)



The Guest Engagement Company

# THE PLAN TO PLATE CUSTOMER JOURNEY

From their initial decision to go out, to their in-venue influences and their on-going engagement and future loyalty.



## Evaluation

Understanding how customers decide on which venues to eat & drink out at and how we can impact their decision process.



## Influences

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## Engagement

Discover how customers behave when in-venue, and how each customer touchpoint (menus, staff, POS & tech) engages and influences their decisions.

# WHY YOU NEED TO TRACK YOUR CUSTOMER FROM PLAN TO PLATE.

# 72%

of customers make up their mind  
when they are IN the venue.



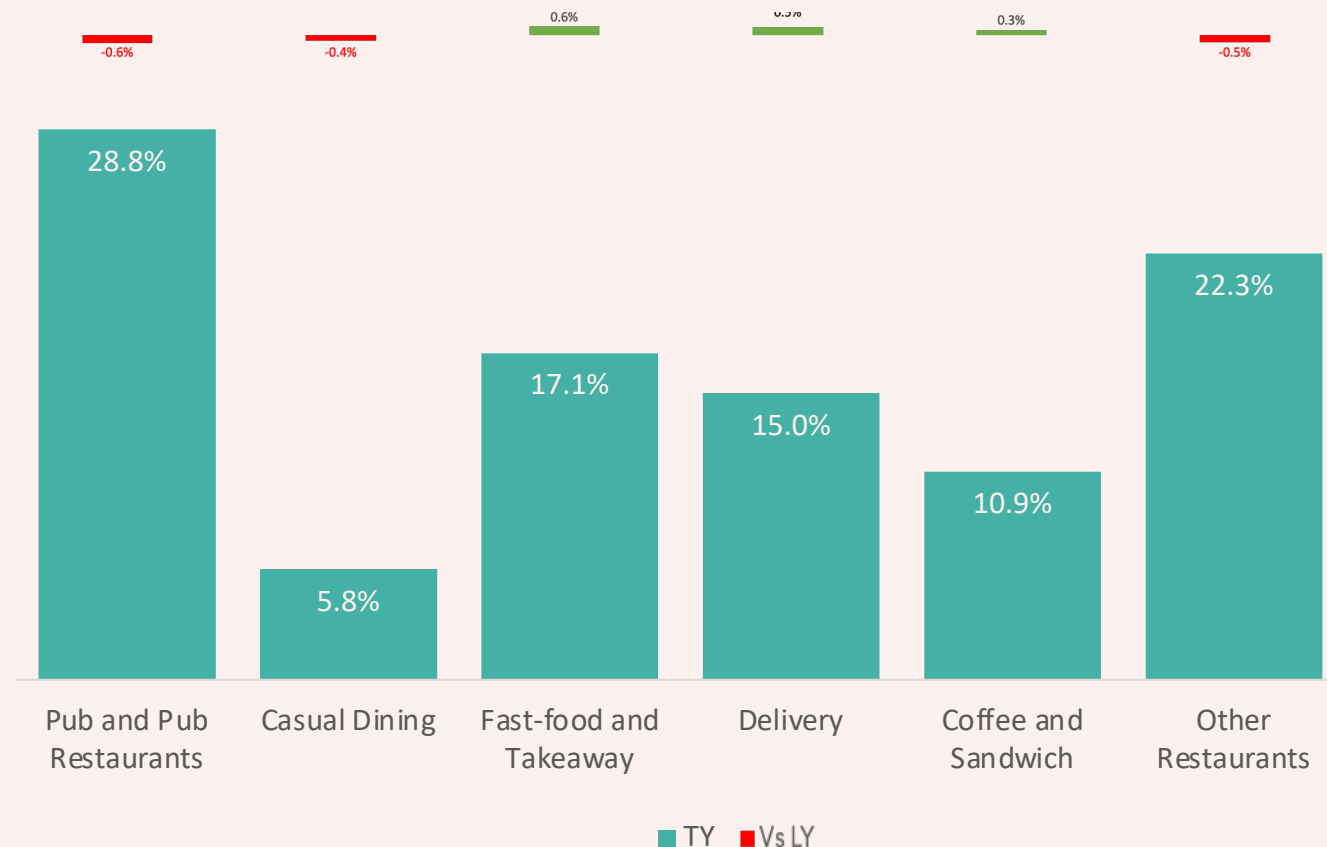
# UK Hospitality market breakdown.

Source: HDI Panel, 12 weeks ending 2/4/24 - UK hospitality share of spend by channel and YoY change

Pubs & Pub Restaurants are the largest sector of the UK Hospitality market as measured by HDI's panel, based on the card spending of 10.2 million unique customers. Fast-food & Takeaway and Coffee & Sandwich Shops are seeing growth in their spend share year on year.

Q. How often have you been out for food and/or drinks in pubs, bars and restaurants in the last 3 months?

UK Hospitality Channel Shares and YoY Changes



# KAM Hospitality Consumer Confidence Index

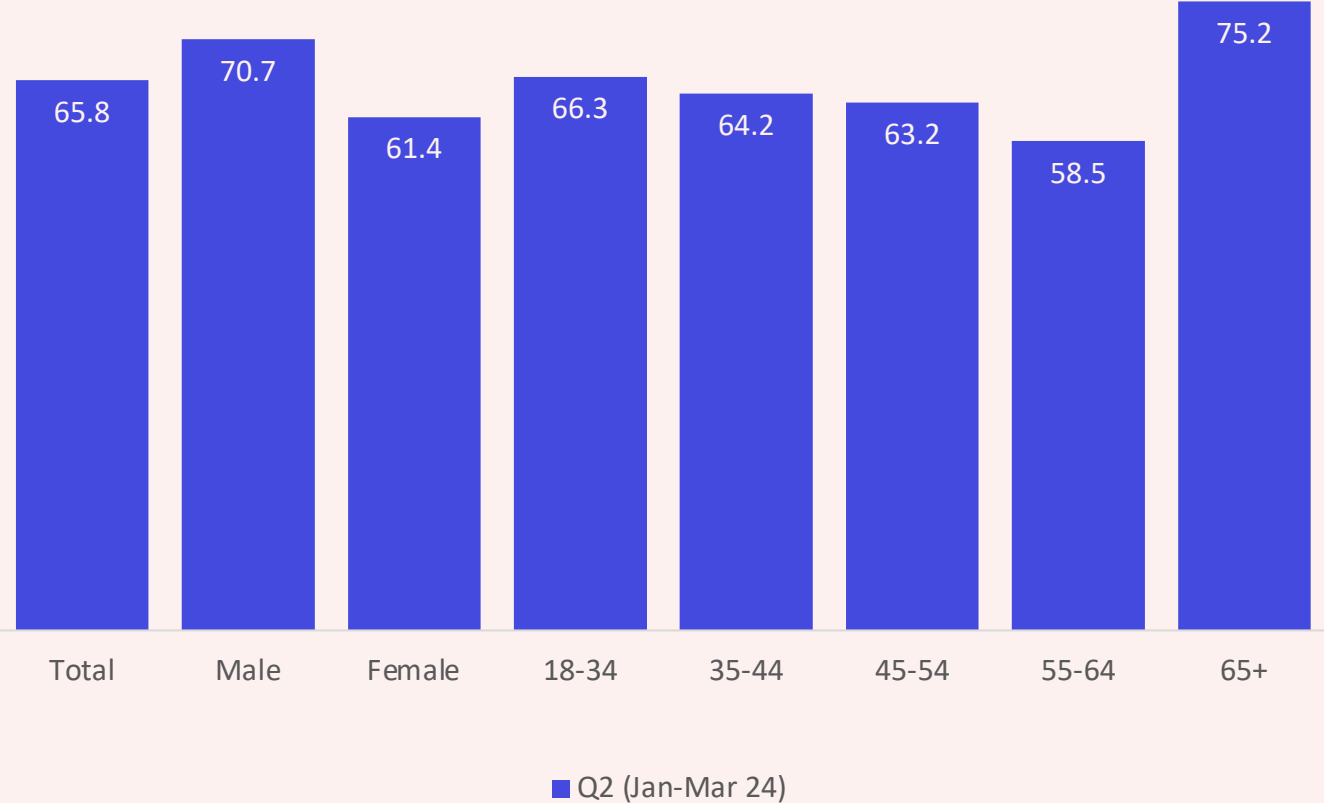
Introducing the new KAM Hospitality  
Consumer Confidence Index.

Based on the following consumer question:

*Q. Thinking about the next 3 months ahead, how  
confident are you that you will have money to  
spend on going out to pubs, bars and restaurants  
as often as you would want to?*

Index calculated by taking the % of those saying  
they not confident from the % of those saying they  
are confident. Max confidence = 100, minimum  
confidence = 0.

*\*this is new question for Quarter 2, so no previous  
trending data is available.*



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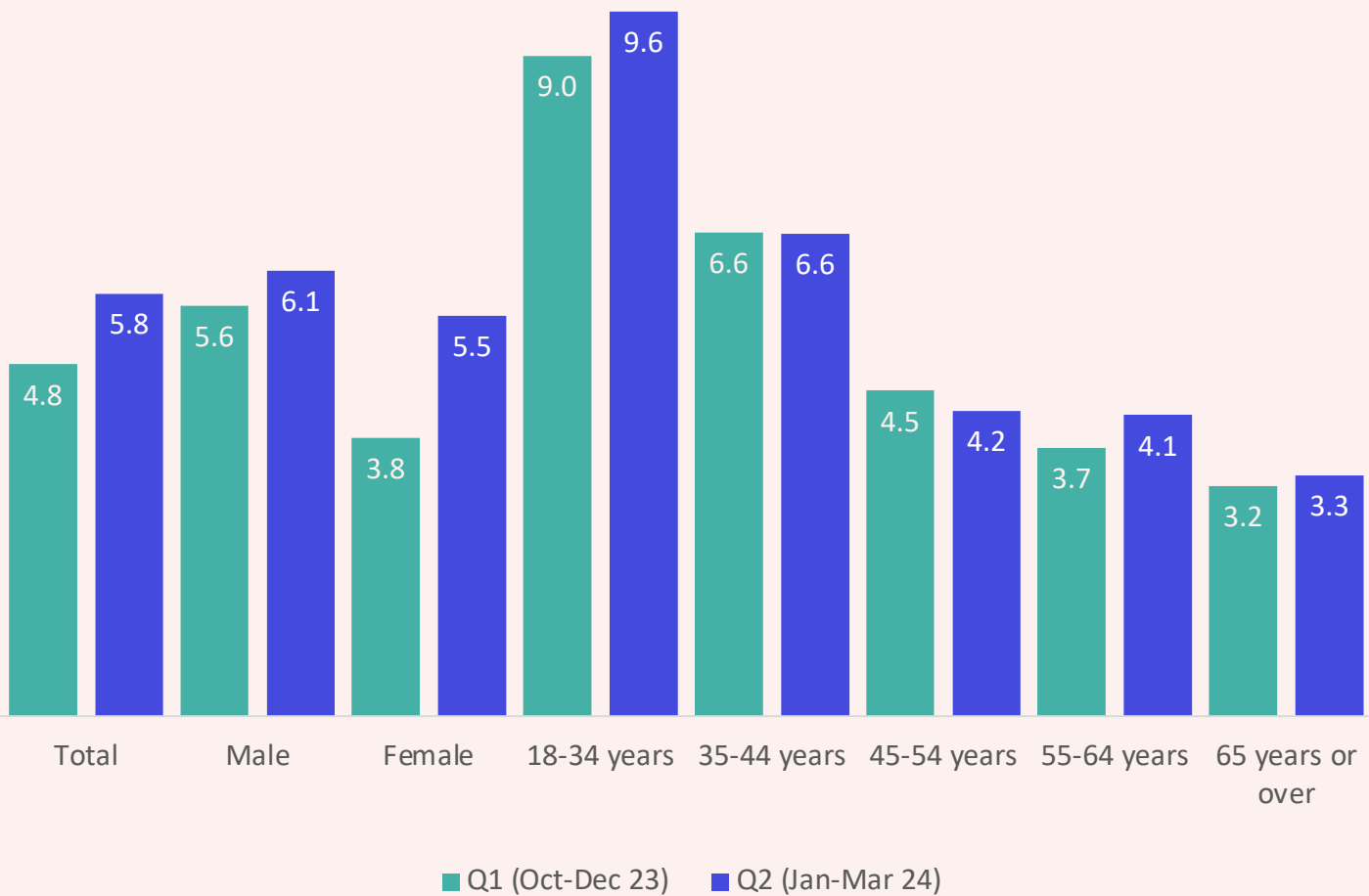
Understanding how customers decide on which venues to eat & drink out at and how we can impact their decision process.

# Visit frequency to UK pubs, bars and restaurants.

Average visit frequency per month

The average UK adult (+18), visited a pub, bar, or restaurant, for food and/or drinks, 5.8 times per month, for the period Jan-Mar, with higher visit frequency for males, 18-34s and 55-64s compared to the previous 3-month period.

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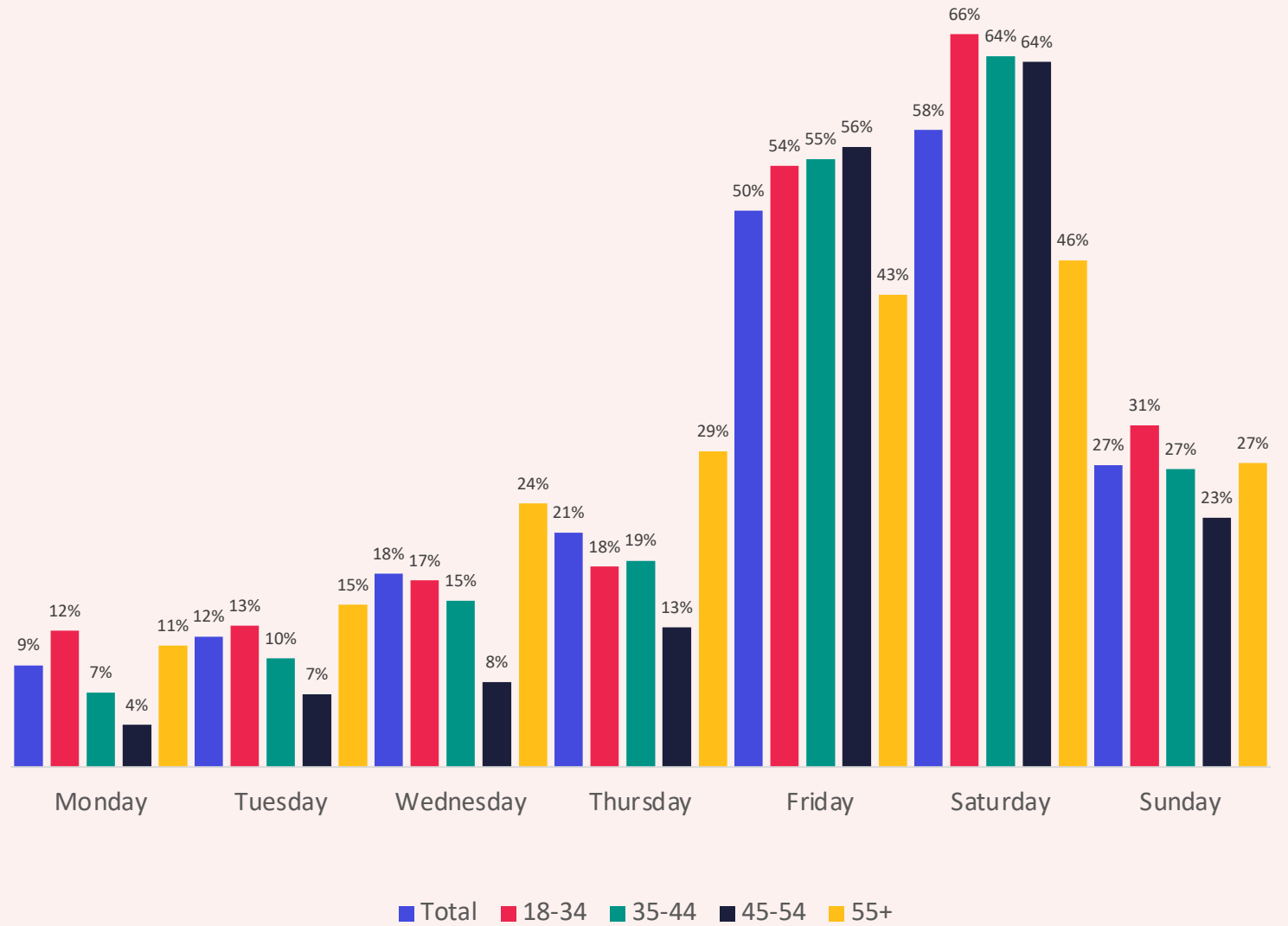
# Most popular days of the week for visiting pubs, bars, and restaurants.

For the period Jan-Mar 24

Friday and Saturday are the most popular days of the week. We see both Weds and Thursday also being popular with 55+, and Monday being most popular with 18-34s.

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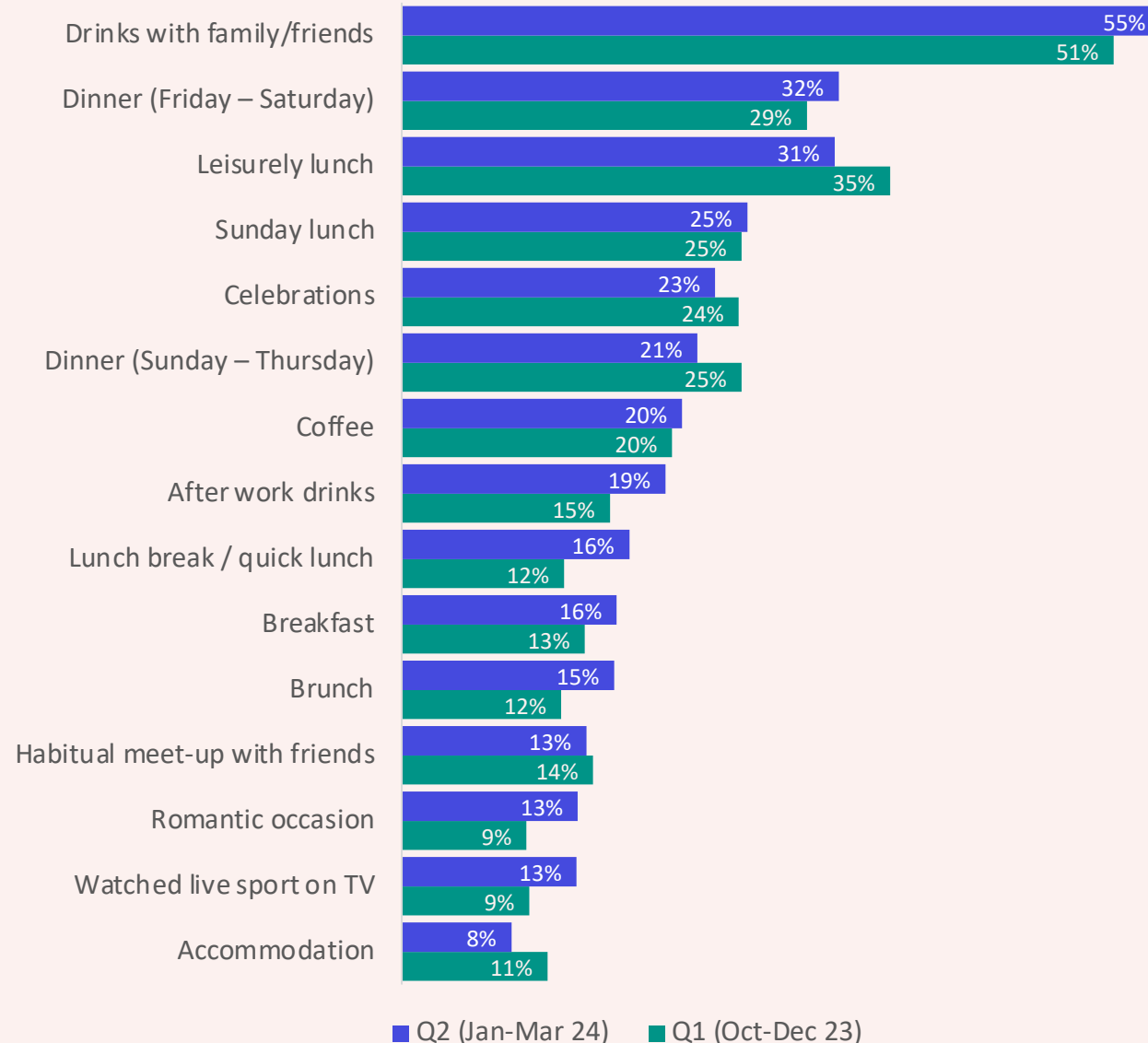
Q. How often have you been out for food and/or drinks in pubs, bars and restaurants in the last 3 months?



# Top occasions for visiting pubs, bars and restaurants.

These are the top 15 occasions for which UK adults (18+) have visited pubs, bars and restaurants in the last 3 months. Drinks with friends and family and dinner (Friday-Saturday) have been the most popular occasions. A leisurely lunch has dropped in frequency as an occasion, down from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> most popular, compared to the previous period.

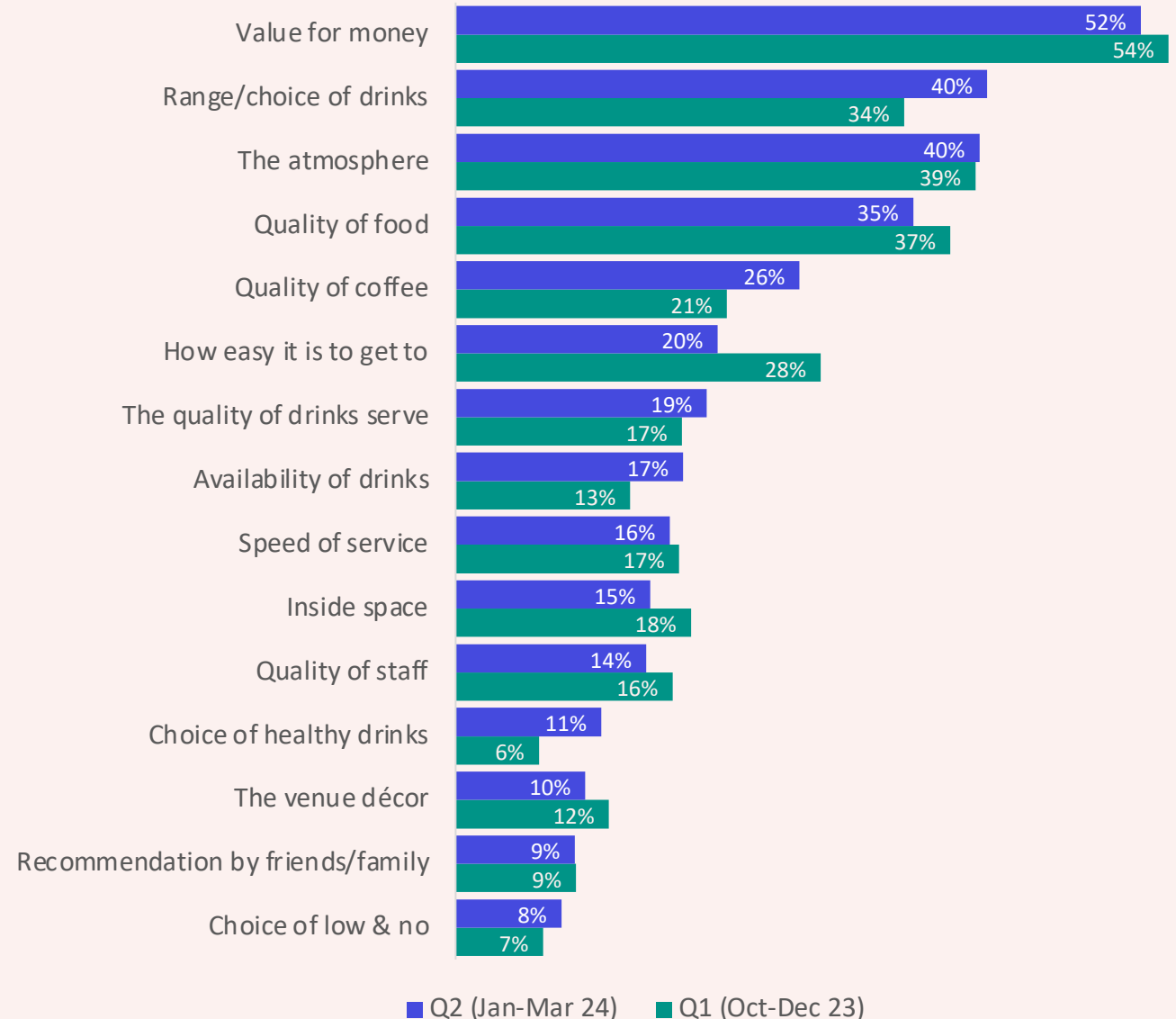
Q. Which of the following 'occasions' have you visited a pub, bar or restaurants for in the last 3 months?



# Most important factors when choosing where to go for 'drinks'.

These are the top 15 answers given when we asked UK adults what have been the most important factors for them when considering a venue to choose for 'drinks' in the last 3 months. Value for money was number 1. Range of drinks has jumped up in importance compared to the previous period, and coupled with an increase in demand for low & no options, quality coffee and a choice of healthy drinks, the results suggest that customers have been more demanding of venues to provide a wider selection of choice above and beyond the classic alcoholic options.

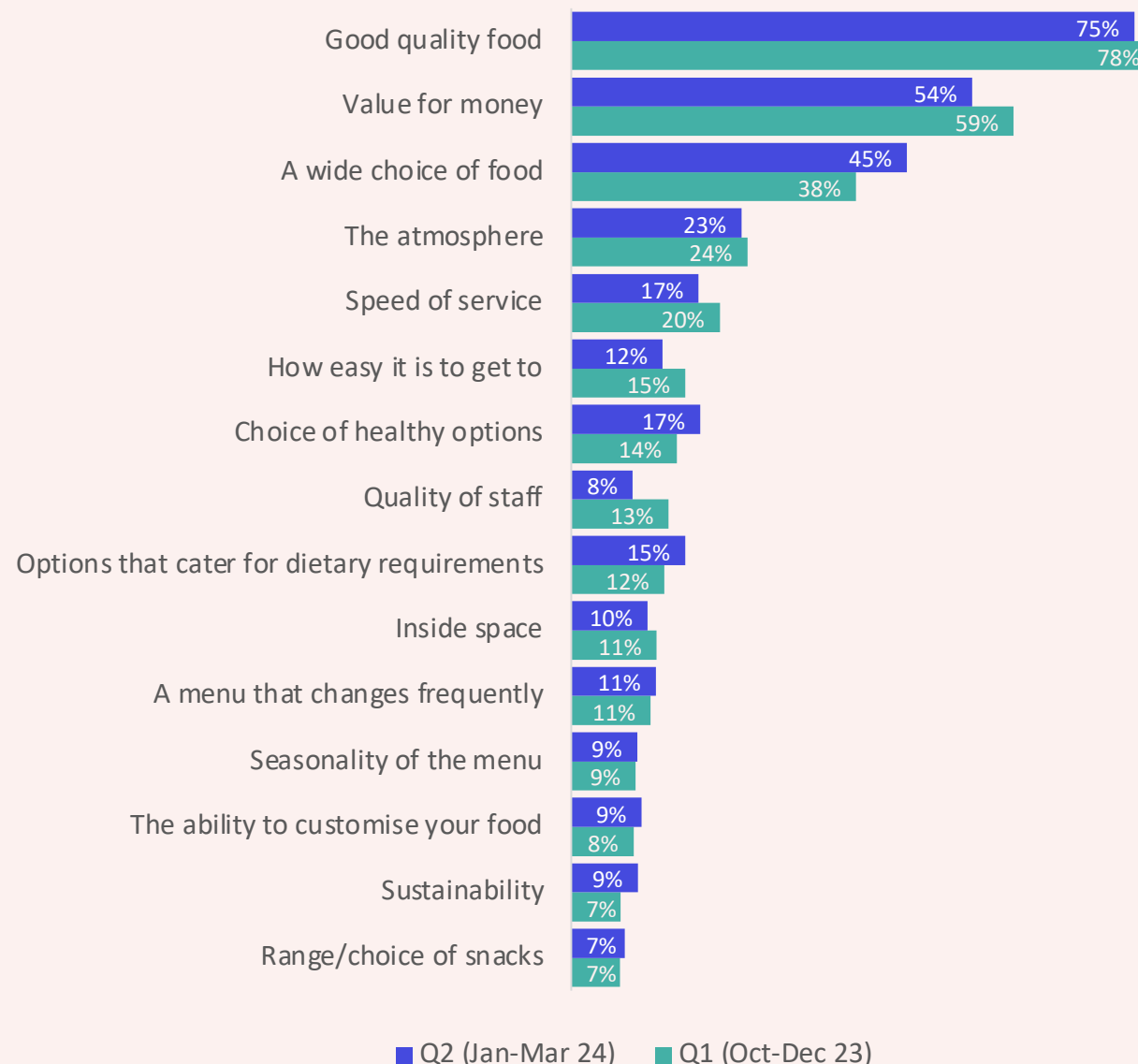
Q. What have been most important factors for you, when considering a venue to choose for \*\*drinks\*\* in the last 3 months?



# Most important factors when choosing where to go for ‘food’.

These are the top 15 answers given when we asked UK adults what have been the most important factors for them, when considering a venue to choose for ‘food’ in the last 3 months. Quality is, by far, the number one driver. As with drinks, we have seen an increase in the importance that customers are placing on ‘having a wide choice’, this period compared to the last – which again chimes with a similar increase in the importance for healthy options and dishes that cater for dietary needs, suggesting that customers are looking to change their habits at the start of the new year.

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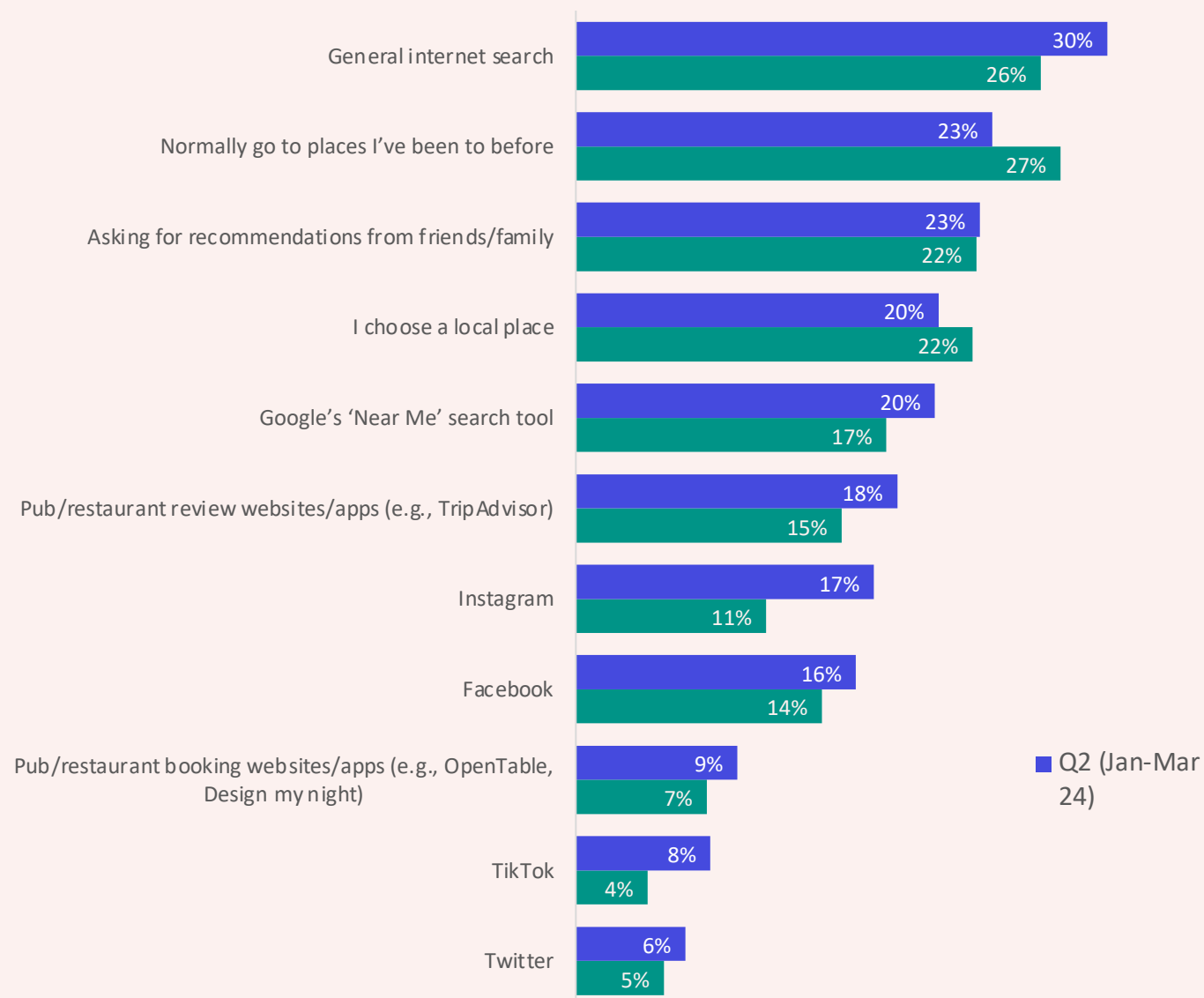


# Pre-visit customer research and discovery.

What sources of information do they use to help them find and/or choose a pub, bar or restaurant?

General internet search, Google's 'near me' search, and social media have all risen in usage this period compared to last. Coupled with a decline in customer choosing their local place or places they normally go, this suggests that an increase in 'exploration' when it comes to venue choice in this period, compared to the last.

Q. Which of the following, if any, have you used to help you find and/or choose a pub, bar or restaurant to visit in the last 3 months?

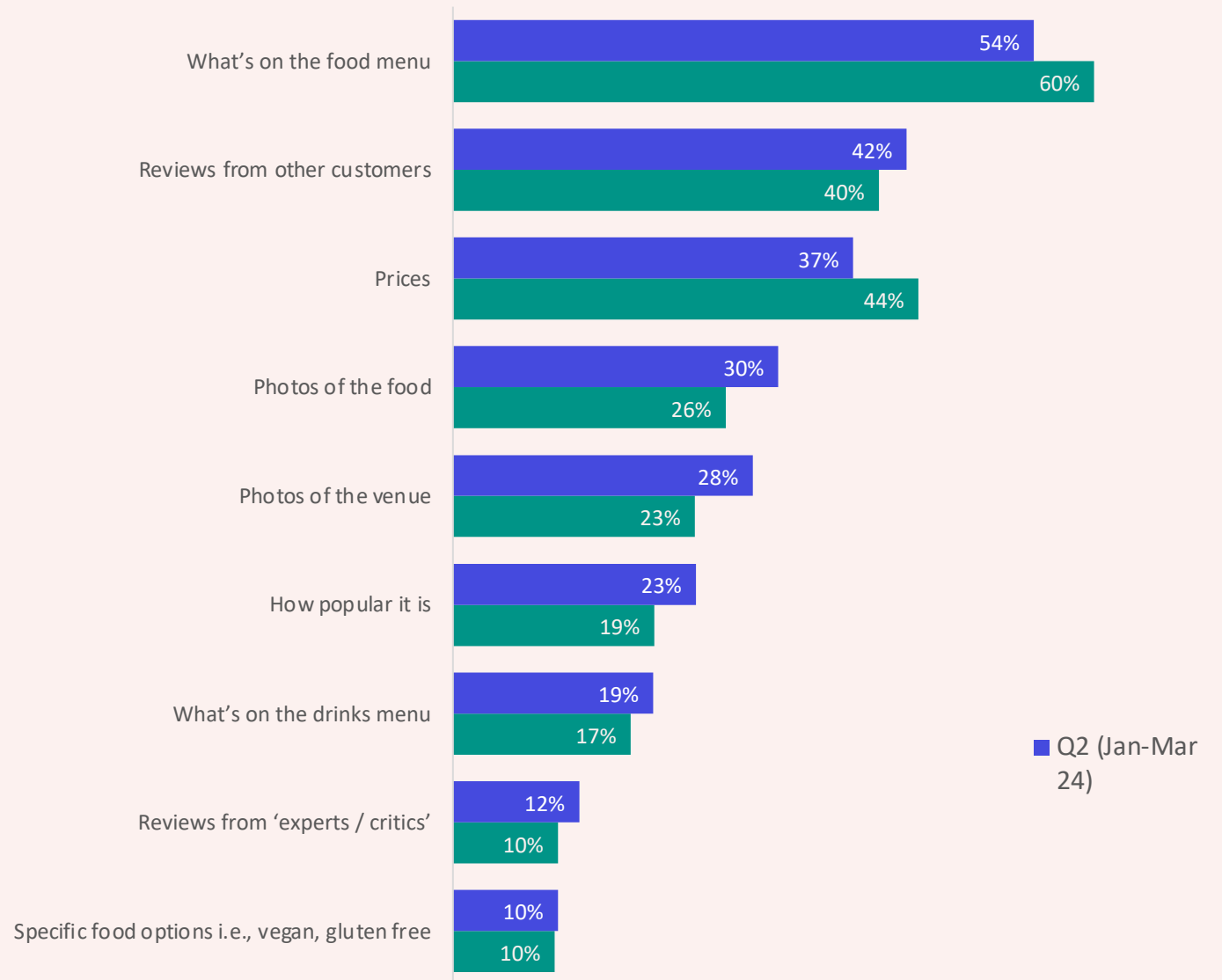


# Pre-visit customer research and discovery.

What information are customers looking for?

Discovering what's on the food menu, reviews from other customers, prices and photos of the food and drinks, are all key pieces of information that customers are looking for when researching a venue before visiting.

Q. Why do you 'research' a venue before choosing it. What are you looking for in particular?



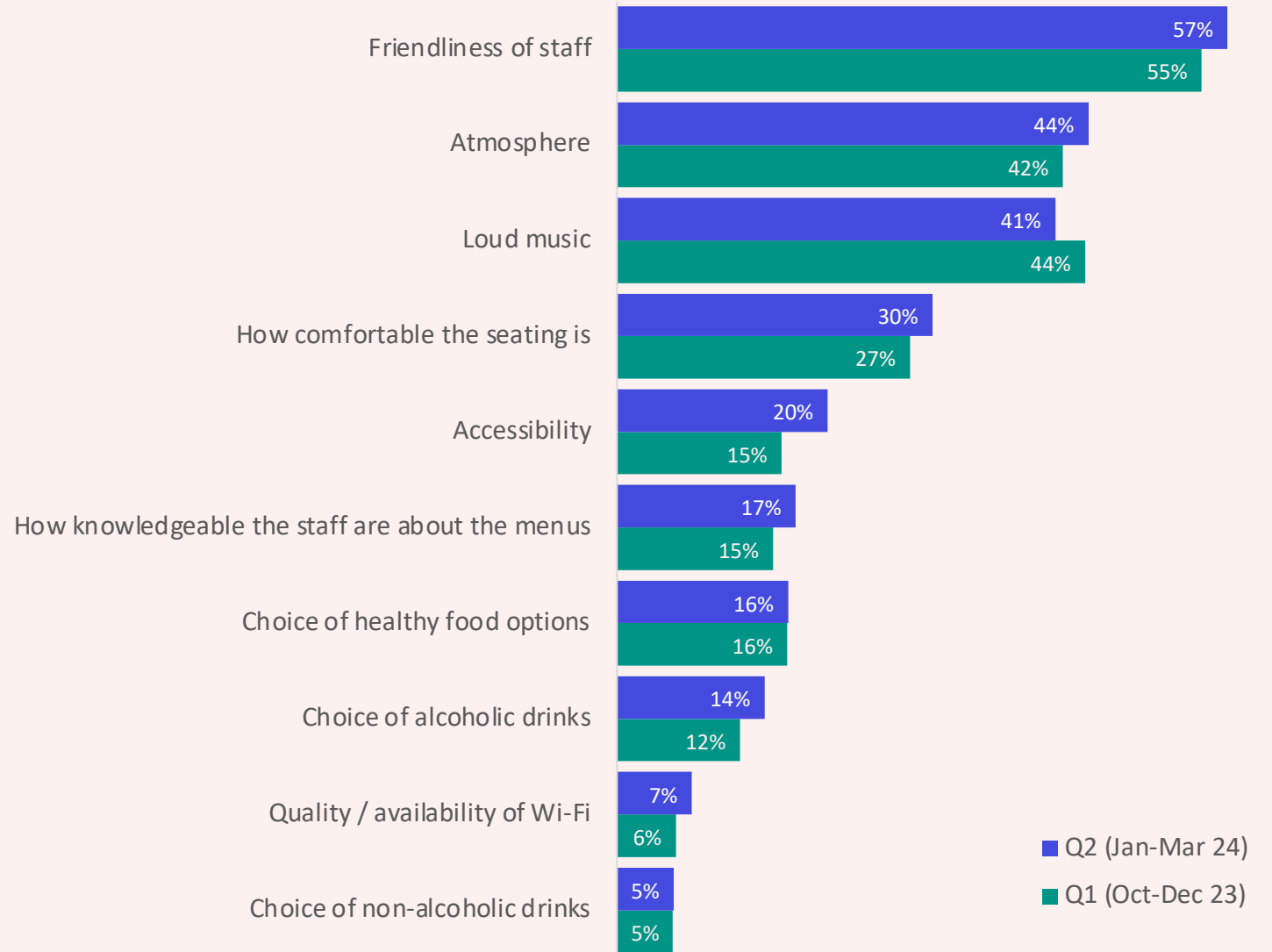


# The top pub, bar and restaurant turn-offs.

These are the top negative/bad experiences which have put UK adults off returning to a specific pub, bar, or restaurant within the last 3 months.

With the top 3 being the friendliness (or lack of) from staff, a bad atmosphere and loud music.

Q. Which of the following, if any, would a negative/bad experience with, put you off returning to a specific pub, bar, or restaurant?



# Evaluation



- The average UK adult (+18), claimed they visited a pub, bar, or restaurant, for food and/or drinks, 5.8 times/per month in the period Jan-Mar 2024. An increase from 4.8 times in the previous quarter, with higher visit frequency for males, 18-34s and 55-64s compared to the previous 3-month period.
- Drinks with friends and family and dinner (Friday-Saturday) have been the most popular occasions. A leisurely lunch has dropped in frequency as an occasion, down from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> most popular, compared to the previous period.
- Value for money was the number one factor when choosing a venue for drinks in the last 3 months. Range of drinks has jumped up in importance compared to the previous period, and, coupled with an increase in demand for low & no options, quality coffee and choice of healthy drinks, this suggests that customers have been more demanding of venues to provide a wider selection of choice above and beyond the classic alcoholic options.
- Quality is, by far, the number one driver for choice of venue when eating out. As with drinks, we have seen an increase in the importance that customers are placing on 'having a wide choice', this period compared to the last – which again chimes with a similar increase in the importance for healthy options and options that cater for dietary needs, suggesting that customers are looking to change their habits at the start of the new year.
- The top 3 'turn-offs' when visiting pubs, bars, and restaurants remain the friendliness (or lack of) from staff, a bad atmosphere and loud music.

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## Influences

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# THE FACTORS WE NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN LOOKING TO INFLUENCE CUSTOMERS IN VENUES.



## NEED STATE

What do I want (food and/or drink) and what needs am I attempting to satisfy?



## BUDGET

How many drinks / dishes do I want and how much money am I prepared to spend?



## TIME

How much time have I got to spend here?



## PARTY SIZE & COMPOSTION

How many people are with me and who is with me (e.g. vegetarians, non-drinkers, children, etc.)?

# NEED STATE

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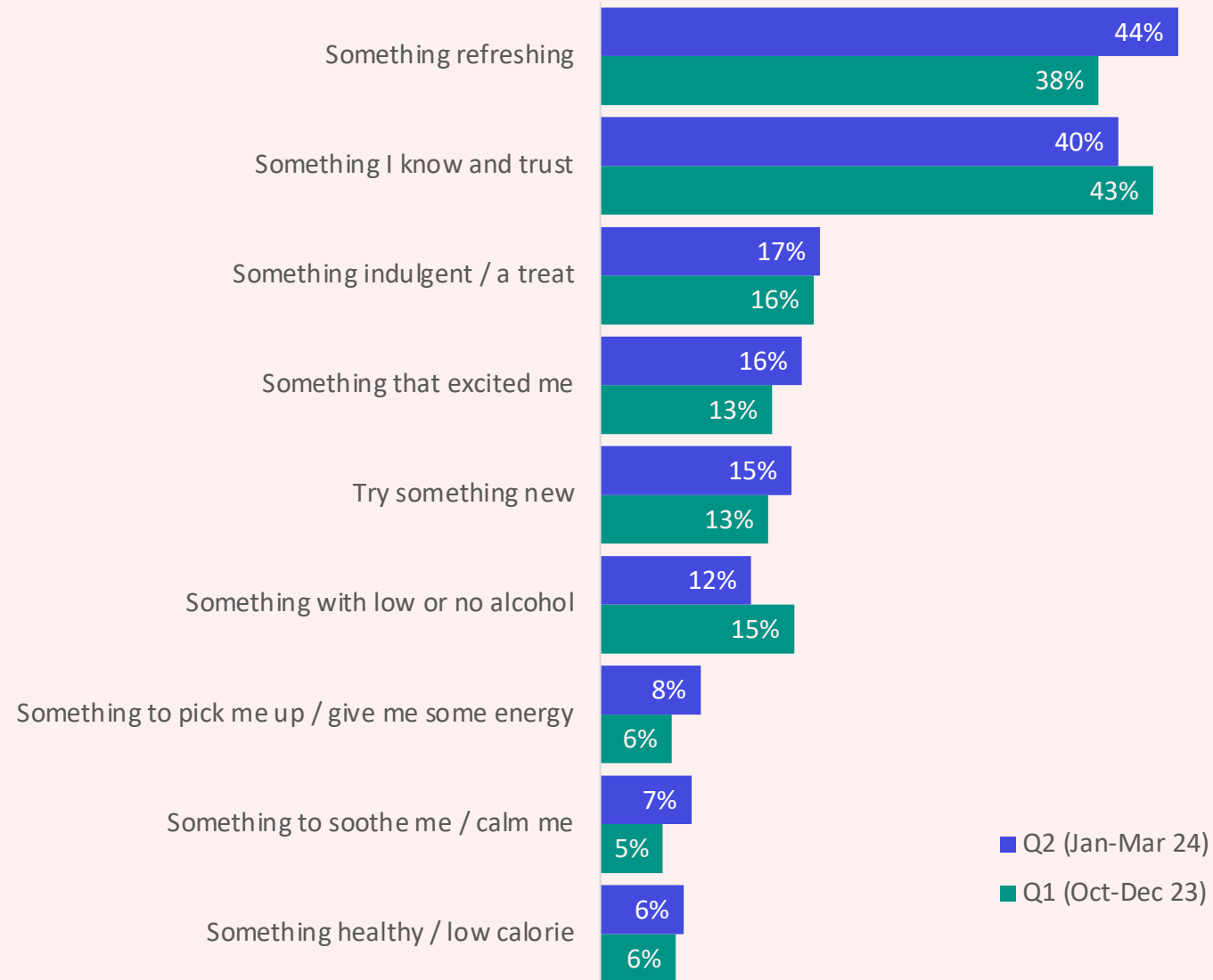


# The top need states influencing customer decisions when ordering drinks.

The top 5 need states which influence the customer decision when ordering **drinks** in pubs, bars and restaurants in the last 3 months.

‘Something refreshing’ overtakes ‘something I know and trust’ as the top influencing factor for this current period.

Q. Thinking now about the last time you ordered \*\*a drink\*\* in a pub, bar or restaurant, which of the following 'needs' were influencing your decision on what you had?

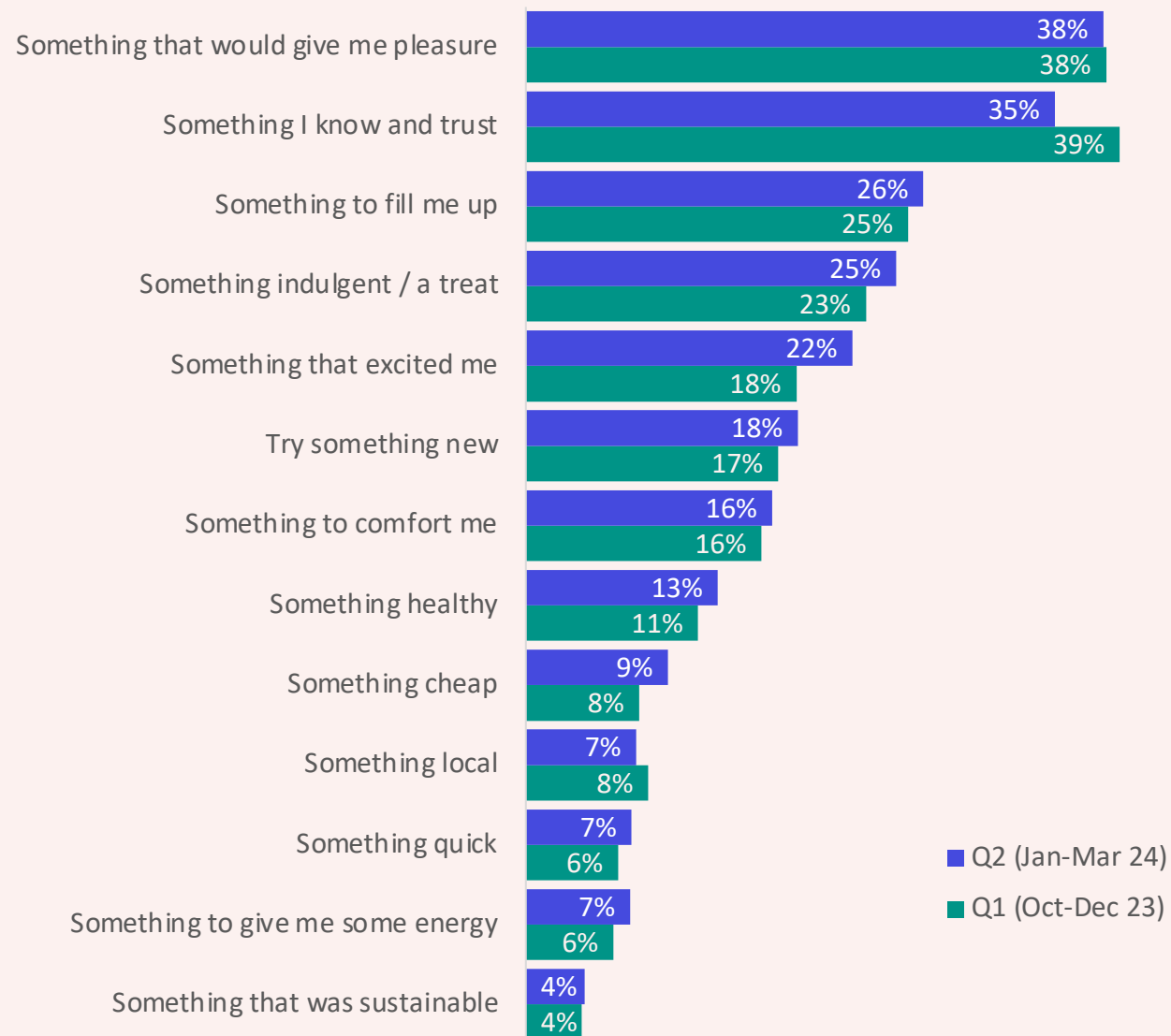


# The top need states influencing customer decisions when ordering food.

The top 5 need states which influence the customer decision when ordering **food** in pubs, bars and restaurants in the last 3 months.

‘Something that would give me pleasure’ overtakes ‘something I know and trust’ as the main influencing factor when ordering food in this period.

Q. Thinking now about the last time you ordered **some food** in a pub, bar or restaurant, which of the following 'needs' were influencing your decision on what you had?



# BUDGET

How many drinks / dishes do I want and how much money am I prepared to spend?

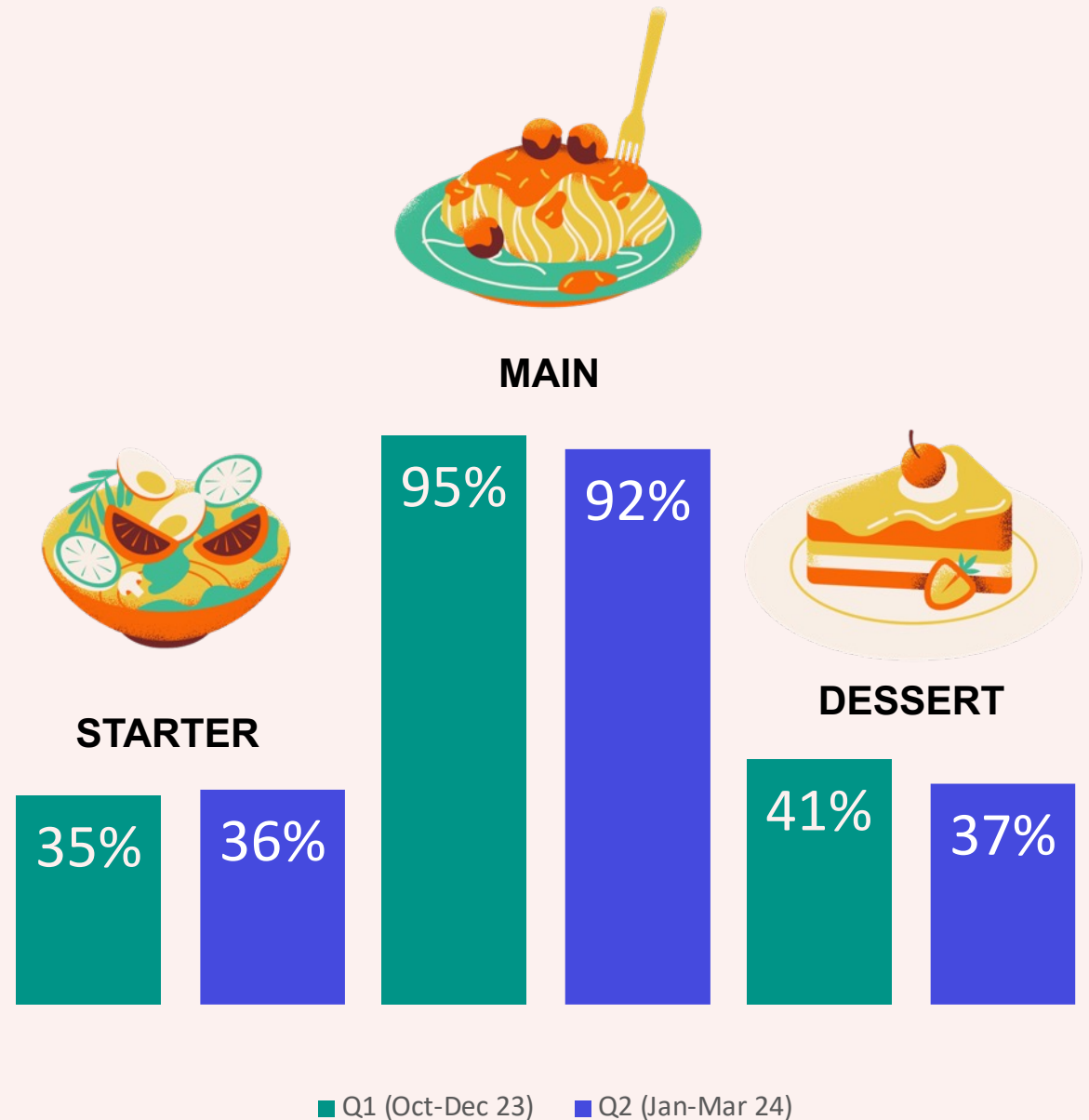




# Number of courses customers are ordering when dining in pubs, bars and restaurants.

Based on 'last visit' for within the period

Data is based on last visit, when dining out, to a pub, bar or restaurant within the last 3-month period. Just over 1 in 3 had a starter, with slightly more (2 in 5) having a pudding. The average number of courses had was 1.6 (compared to 1.7 in the previous period).



Q. Thinking about the last time you when out for \*food\* to a pub, bar or restaurant, how many dishes did you have?

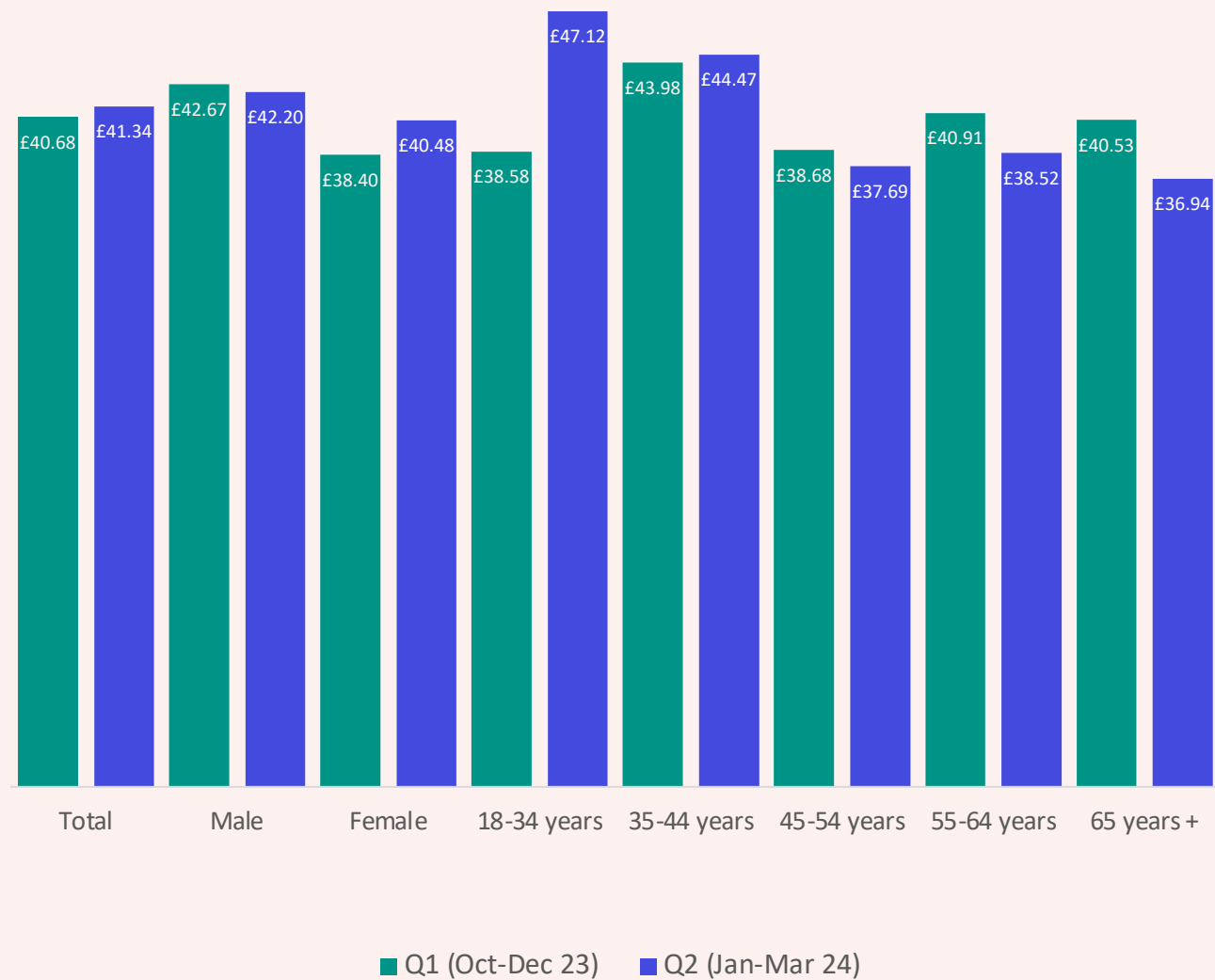
# Average customer spend ‘personally’ on food and/or drinks in pubs, bars and restaurants.

Based on ‘last visit’ for within the period

Figures show claimed spend from UK adults (+18), based on their last visit to either a pub, bar or restaurant, within the 3-month period.

Average spend has increased since the previous period, mainly due to a significant increase in spend from the 18-34 age group.

Q. Thinking now about your last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant, how much did you spend **personally** on food and/or drinks?



# TIME

How much time have I  
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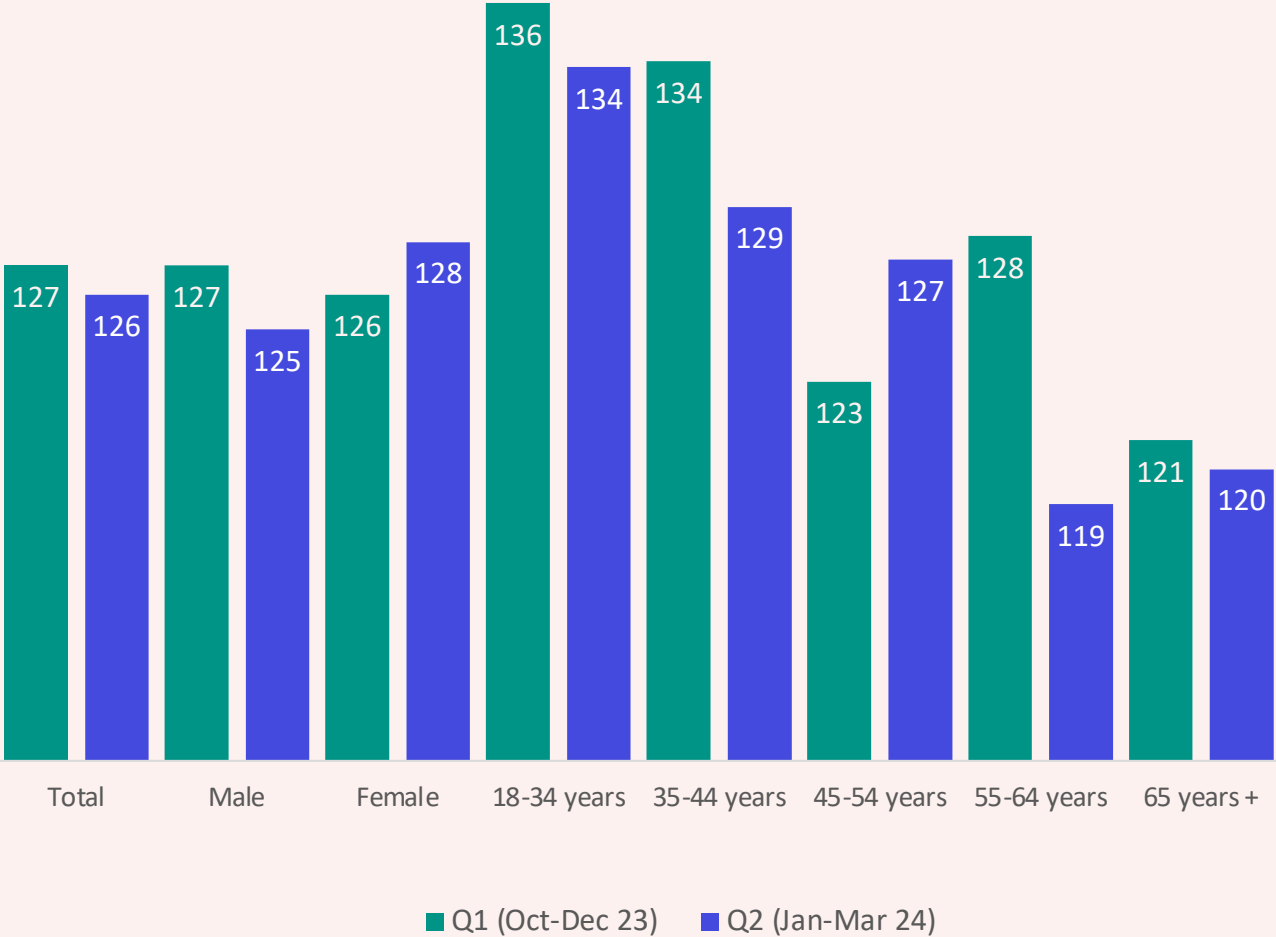


# Average customer time spent, per visit, in pubs, bars and restaurants.

Based on 'last visit' for within the period

Figures show claimed dwell time from UK adults (+18), based on their last visit to either a pub, bar or restaurant, for the 3-monty period. **Figures shown in minutes.**

Q. Thinking now about your last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant, how long did you stay for?



# PARTY SIZE & COMPOSITION

How many people are with me and who is with me (e.g. vegetarians, non-drinkers, children, etc.)?



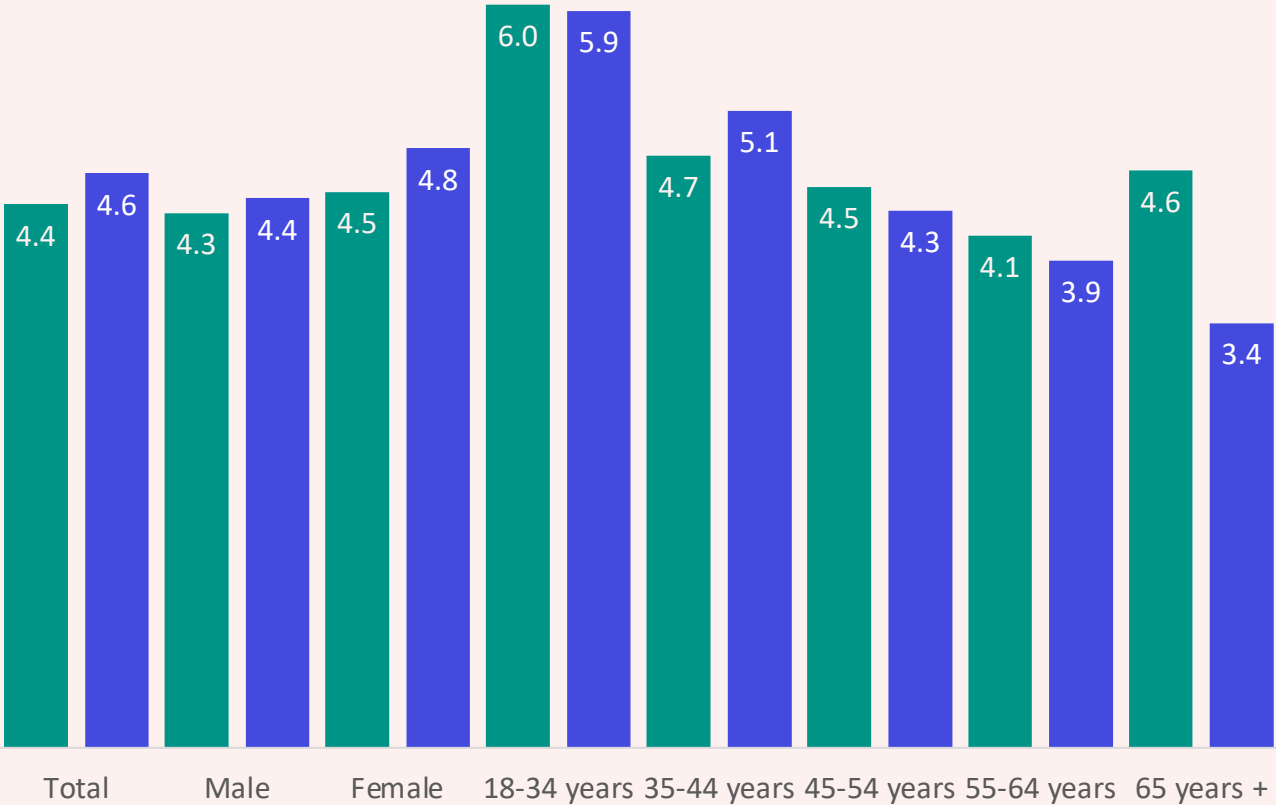
# Average party size when visiting pubs, bars and restaurants.

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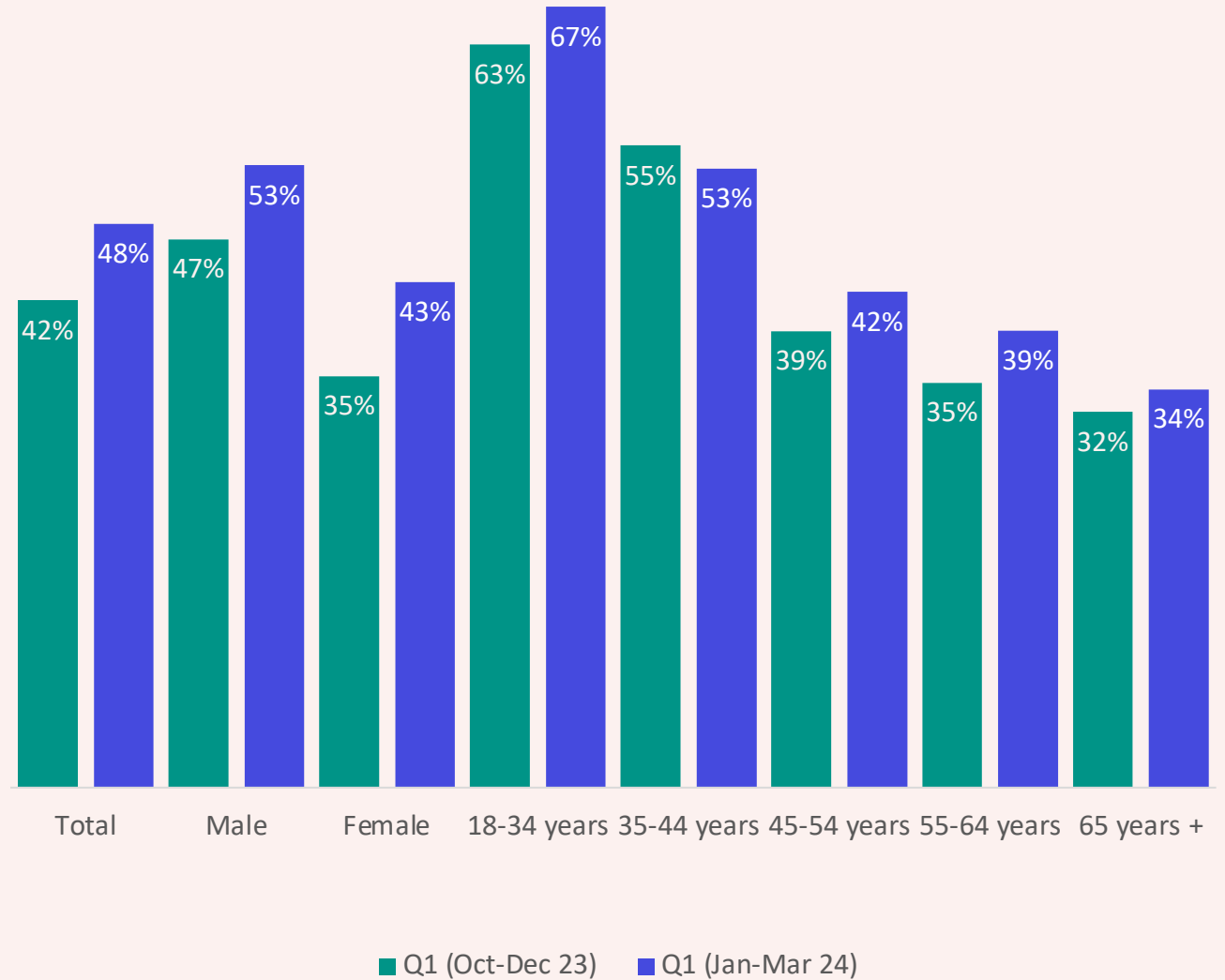
The most common party size remains 2 (same as the previous period).

Q. Thinking now about your last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant, how many other people were with you? (including yourself)



# Demographic breakdown of most frequent pub, bar and restaurant goers.

% shown is based on those UK adults (+18) who say they visited pubs, bars or restaurant once week or more, on average, in the last 3 months.



# Influences



- 'Something refreshing' overtakes 'something I know and trust' as the top factor influencing customers choice of drink orders for the last 3 months, in pubs, bars and restaurants.
- 'Something that would give me pleasure' overtakes 'something I know and trust' as the main influencing factor when ordering food for the last 3 months, in pubs, bars and restaurants.
- The average number of courses had by customers, when eating in pubs, bars and restaurants was 1.6 for this quarter (compared to 1.7 in the previous period).
- The average customer spend, on their last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant, in the period Jan-Mar 24, was £41.34, and increase from £40.68 in Q1.
- The dwell time, on their last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant, in the period Jan-Mar 24, was 126 minutes, a slight decrease from 127 minutes in Q1.
- The average party size, on their last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant, in the period Jan-Mar 24, was 4.6 people, up from 4.4 people in Q1.
- Jan-Mar 24 saw an increase in the amount of customers visiting pubs, bars and restaurants at least once a week, up from 42% to 48%. The increase being driven by all age groups.



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## Engagement

Discover how customers behave when in-venue, and how each customer touchpoint (menus, staff, POS & tech) engages and influences their decisions.

# WHAT TOOLS DO WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL TO INFLUENCE THE CUSTOMER IN VENUE?



## POINT OF SALE

The impact of varying point-of-sale messaging on customer behaviour.



## STAFF

The role staff can play in educating, engaging and influencing the customer journey.



## MENU

The importance of the food and drink menus - informing and influencing.



## TECHNOLOGY

How technology in-venue can be the conduit between customer demands and staff capabilities.

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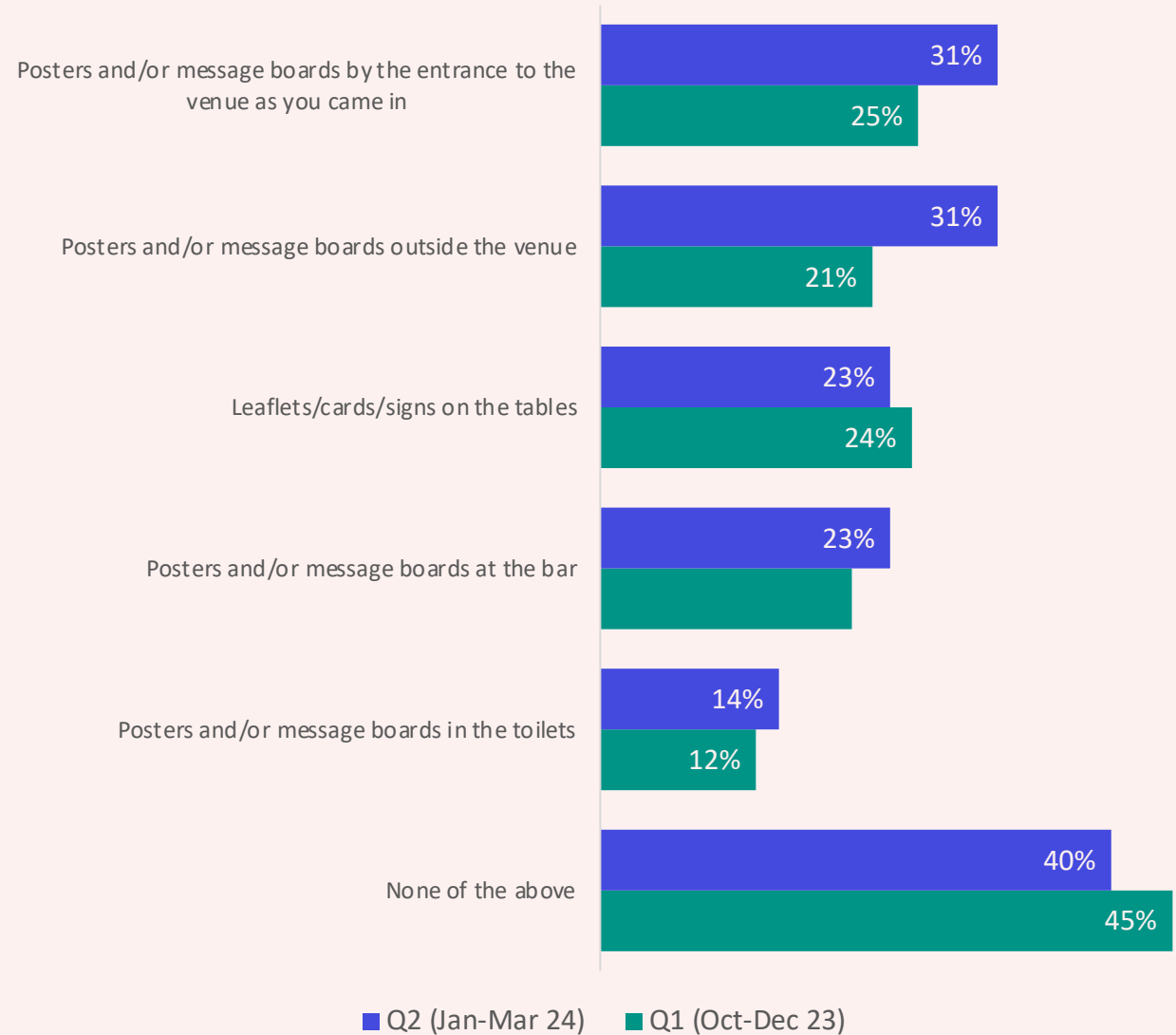
**GET IT  
NOW!**

# What POS was noticed by customers when visiting pubs, bars and restaurants?

Based on 'last visit' for within the period

60% of customers noticed some form of POS on their last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant (within the last 3 months), up from 55% in the previous period.

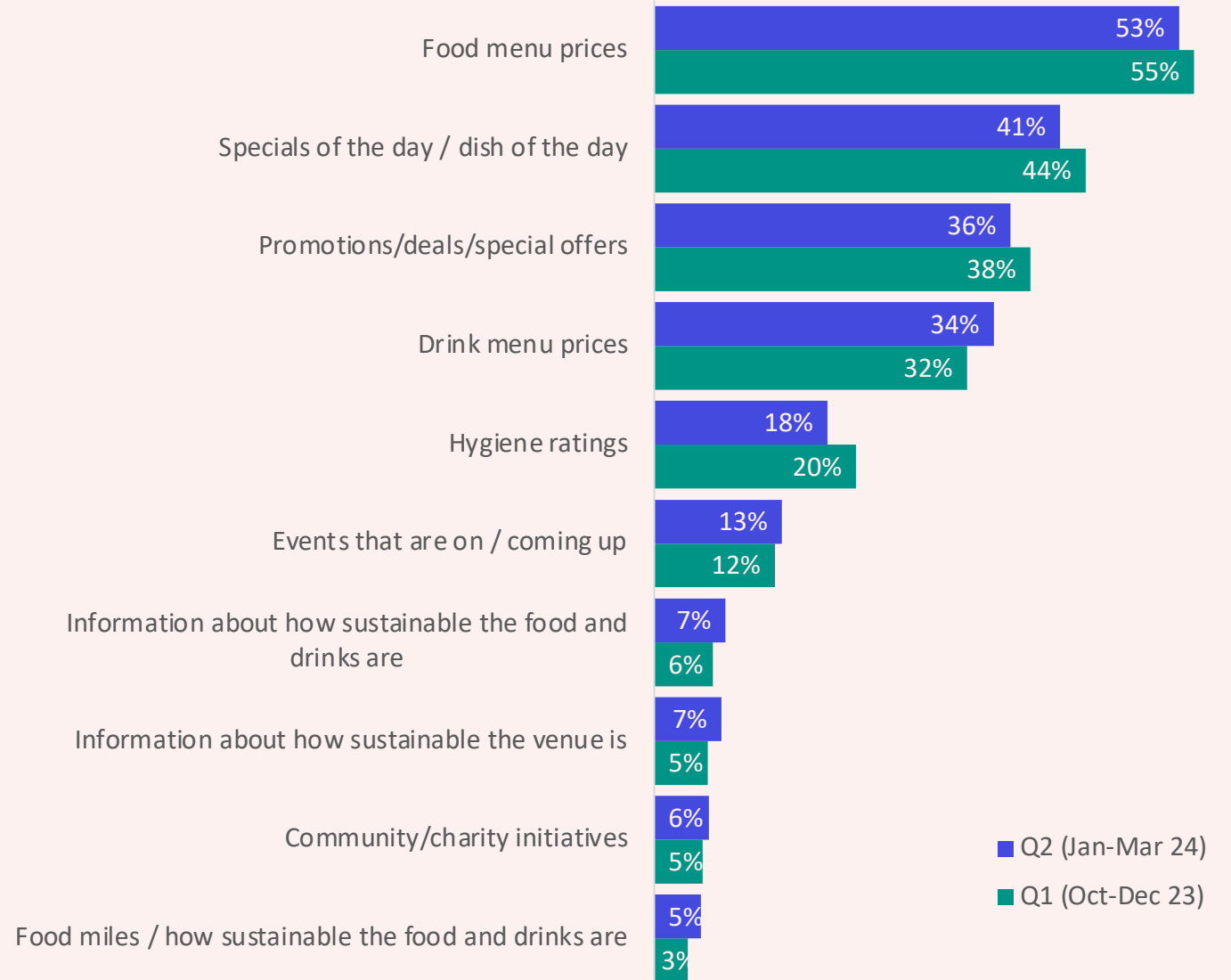
Q. On your last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant, can you remember if you noticed any of the following when you were there?



# Information/ messaging that customers are 'actively' looking for in venue

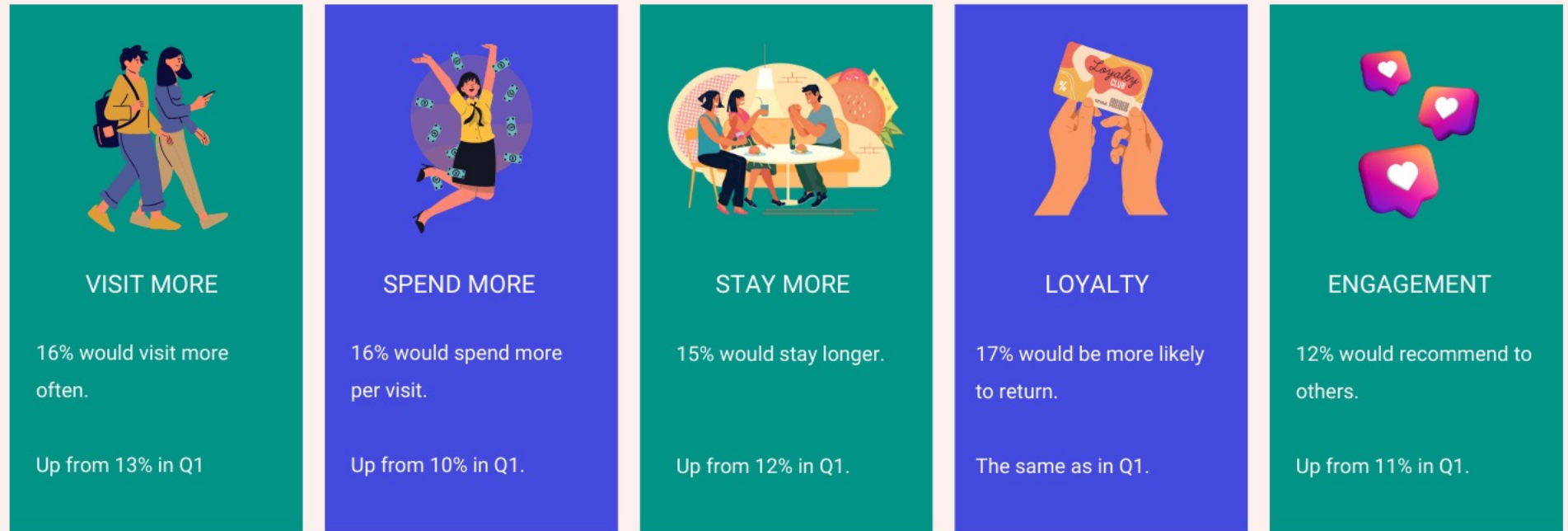
Customers have been 'actively' looking out for the following information/messaging when they have inside a pub, bar or restaurant in the last 3 months.

Q. Would you say that you 'actively' look out for any of the following information when you are inside a pub, bar or restaurant?



# BENEFITS OF GETTING POS RIGHT FOR THE CUSTOMER.

If pubs, bars and restaurants improved the quality and relevancy of their posters / messaging / signs in-venue, in the next 3 months, do you think it would influence you to do any of the following?





# STAFF

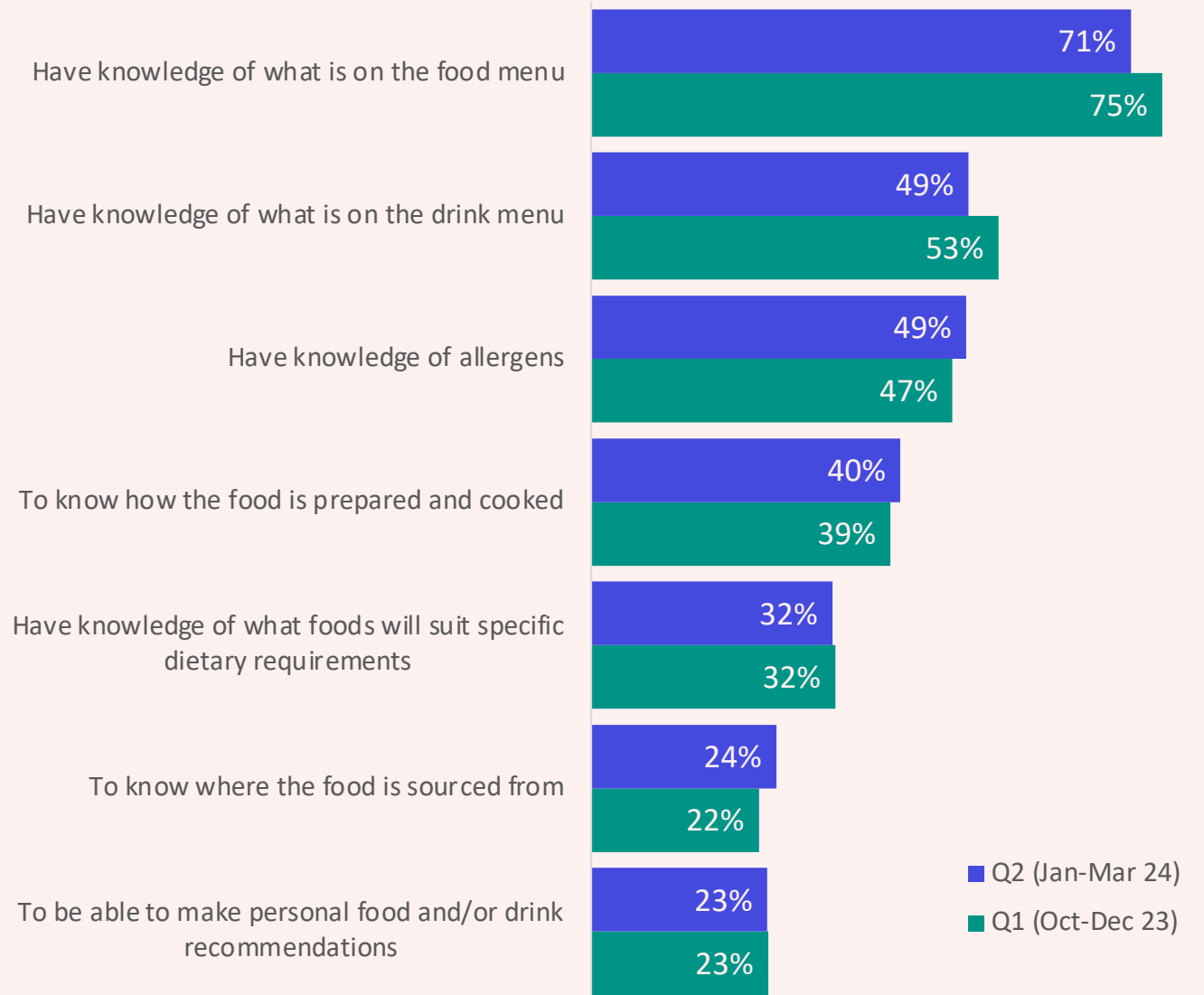
The role staff can play  
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# What customers in pubs, bars and restaurants expect staff to be knowledgeable about.

The top areas which customers expect staff in pubs, bars and restaurants to be knowledgeable in.

Q. Which of the following do you expect staff in pubs, bars and restaurants to be knowledgeable about?

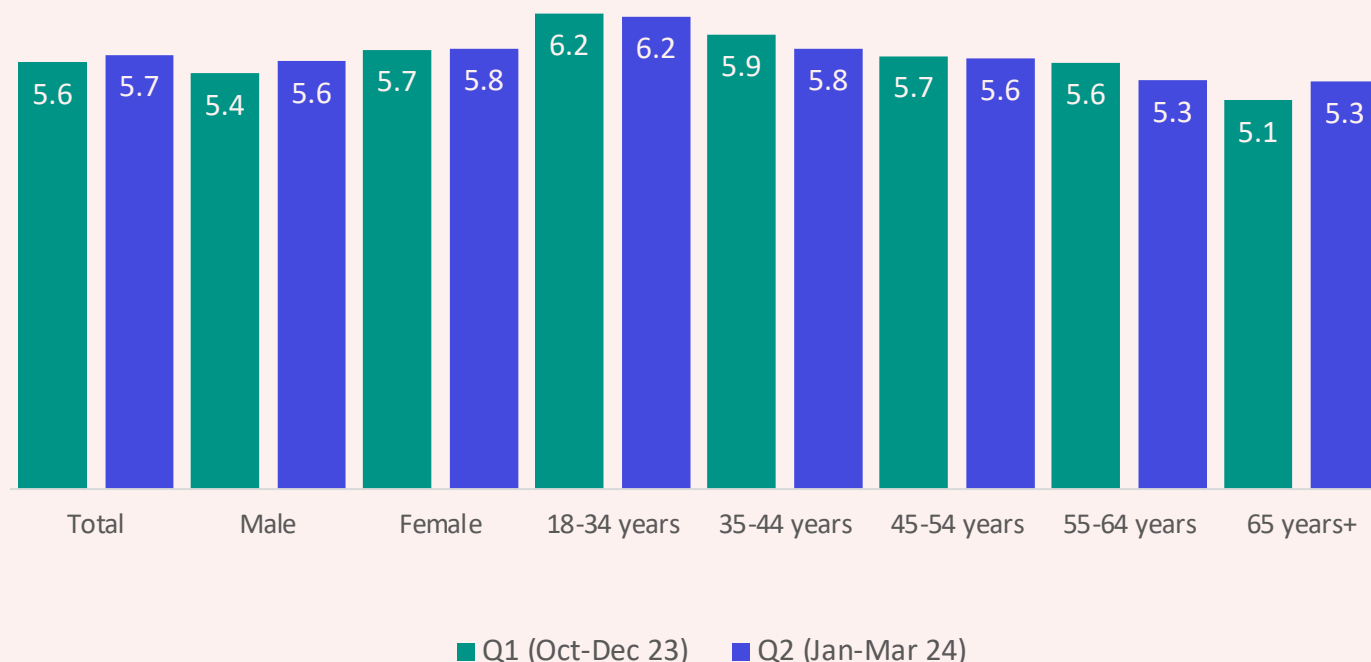




# Do customers love or hate staff recommendations.

Do customers mind if staff try to recommend certain food and/or drinks to them when they order in a pub, bar or restaurant?

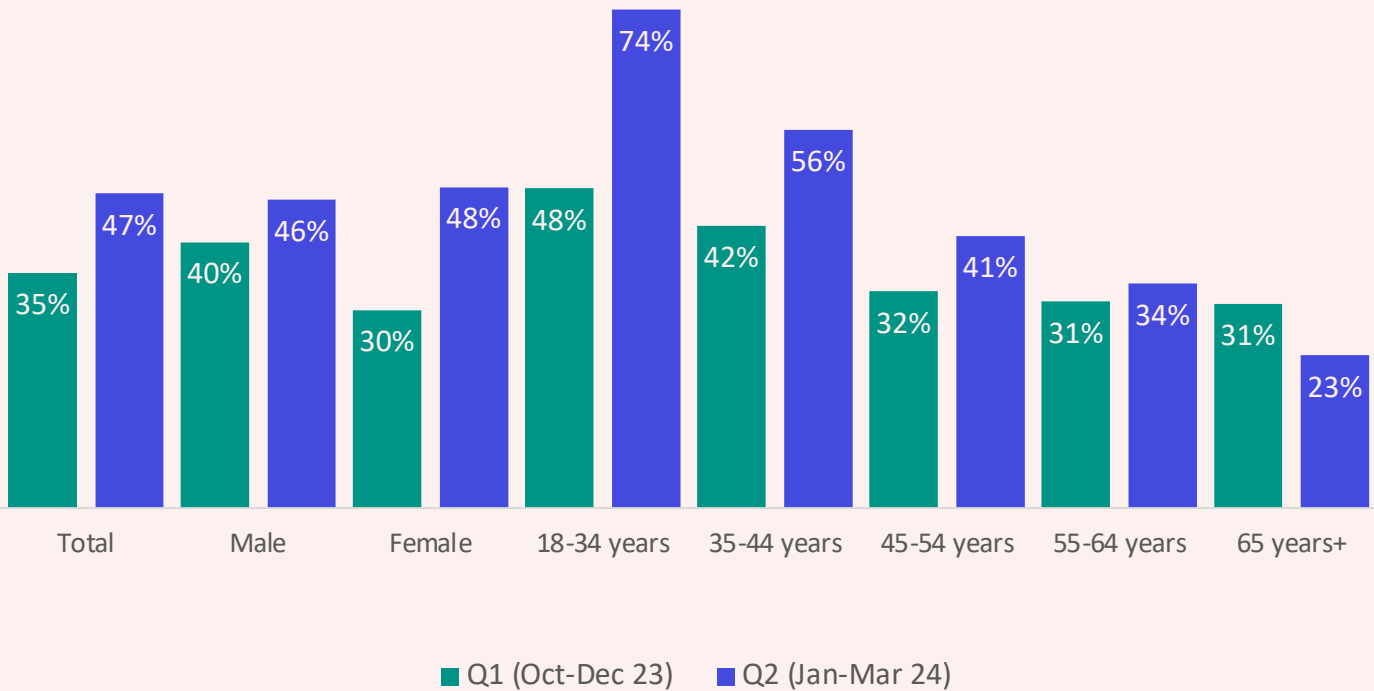
Rating on a scale of 1-10, where 1 is 'I hate it' and 10 is 'I love it'.



Q. Do you mind it if staff in pubs, bars and restaurants try to recommend certain food and/or drinks to you when you order?

# Have staff recommended any food and/or drinks in the last 3 months?

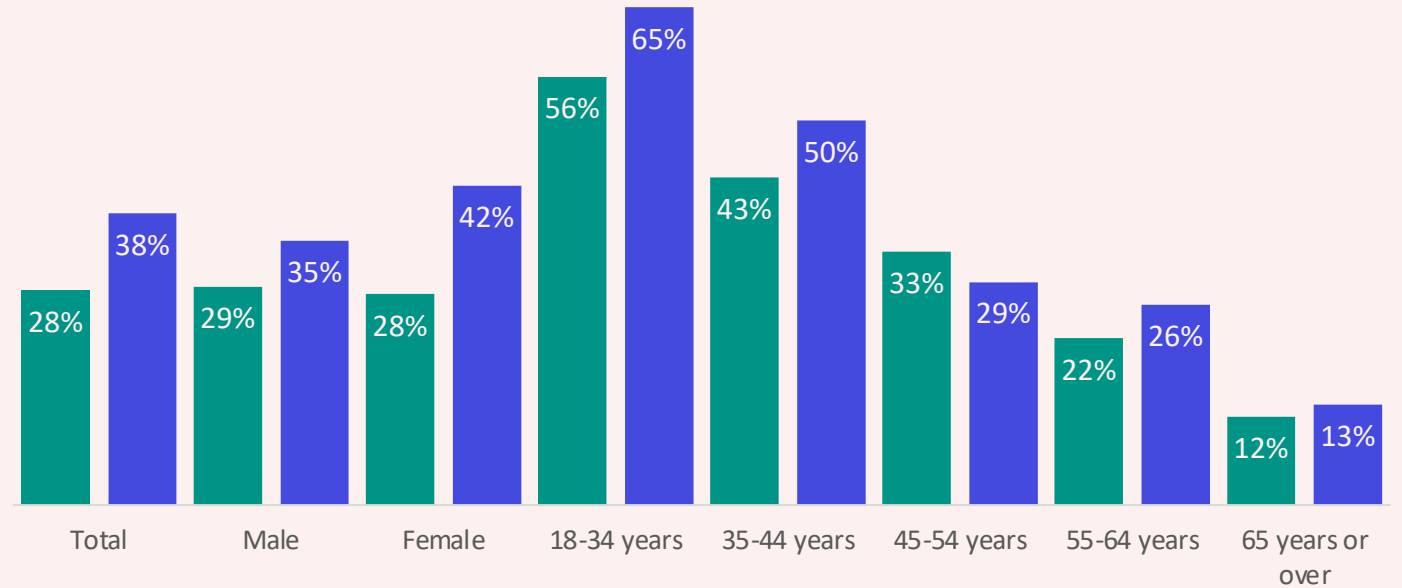
Data shows % of customers who, in the last 3 months, say staff in pubs, bars and restaurants have tried to recommend certain food and/or drinks to customers when they visited.



Q. In the last 3 months, have any staff in pubs, bars and restaurants (you've visited) try to recommend certain food and/or drinks to you?

# How likely customers are to go with staff recommendations on food.

Data shows % of customers who, in the last 3 months, say they would likely go with staff recommendations for **food** when they are in a pub, bar or restaurant.

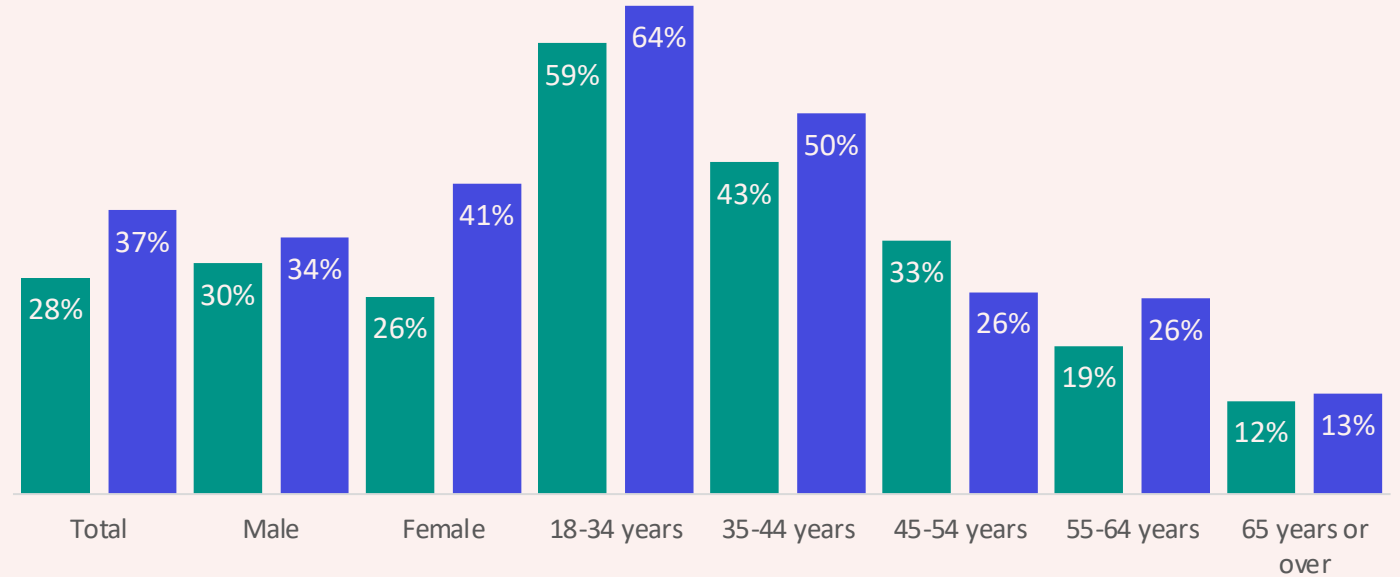


Q. If staff in pubs, bars and restaurants (that you've visited in the last 3 months) had recommended certain **food** to you - how likely would you have been to go with their recommendations?

■ Q1 (Oct-Dec 23) ■ Q2 (Jan-Mar 24)

# How likely customers are of going with staff recommendations on drinks.

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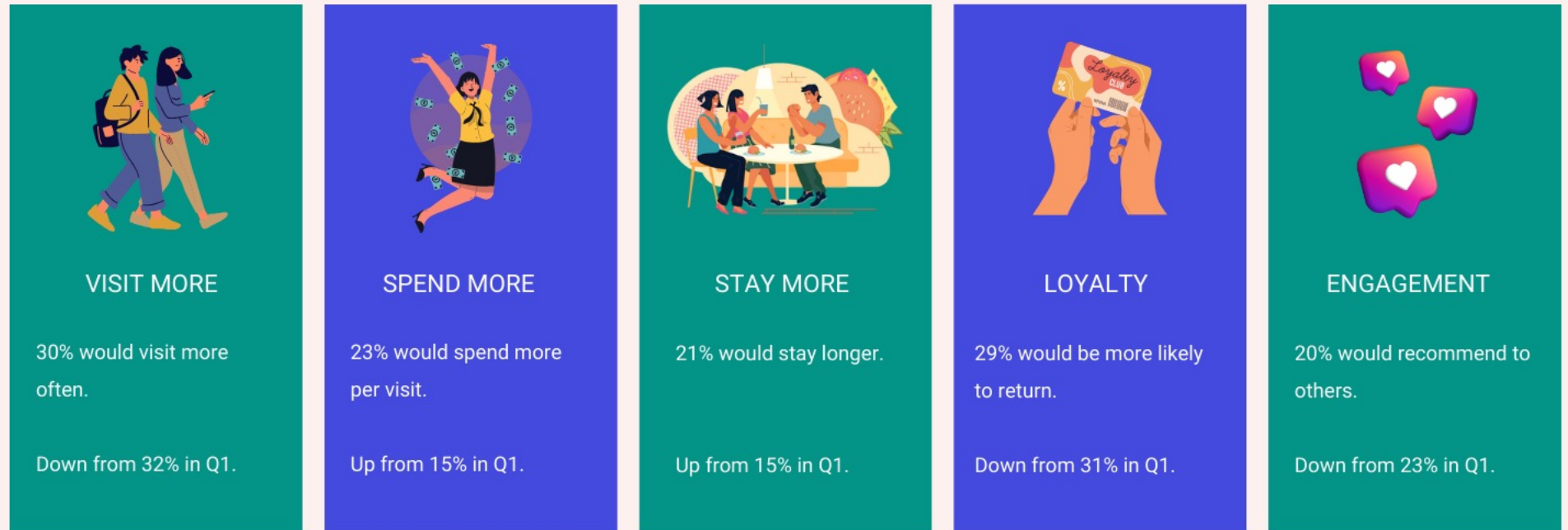


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# BENEFITS OF GETTING STAFF ENGAGEMENT RIGHT FOR THE CUSTOMER.

If pubs, bars and restaurants improved the quality of their staff engagement, in the next 3 months, do you think it would influence you to do any of the following?



# MENUS

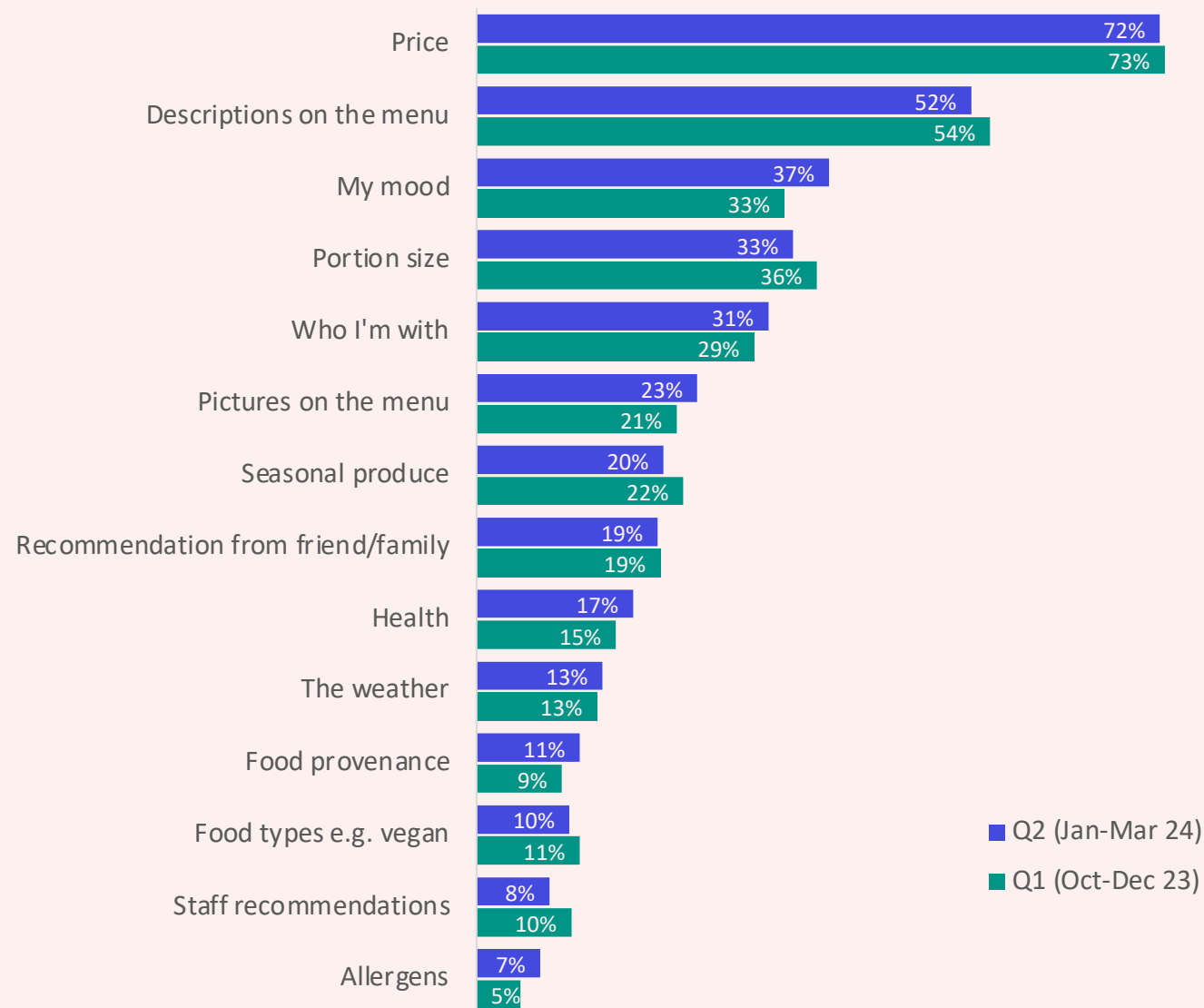
The importance of the food and drink menus - informing and influencing.



# The top factors which influence customer choice of food when ordering in pubs, bars and restaurants.

Outside of price, it's descriptions on the menu that are the biggest influence of customer choice.

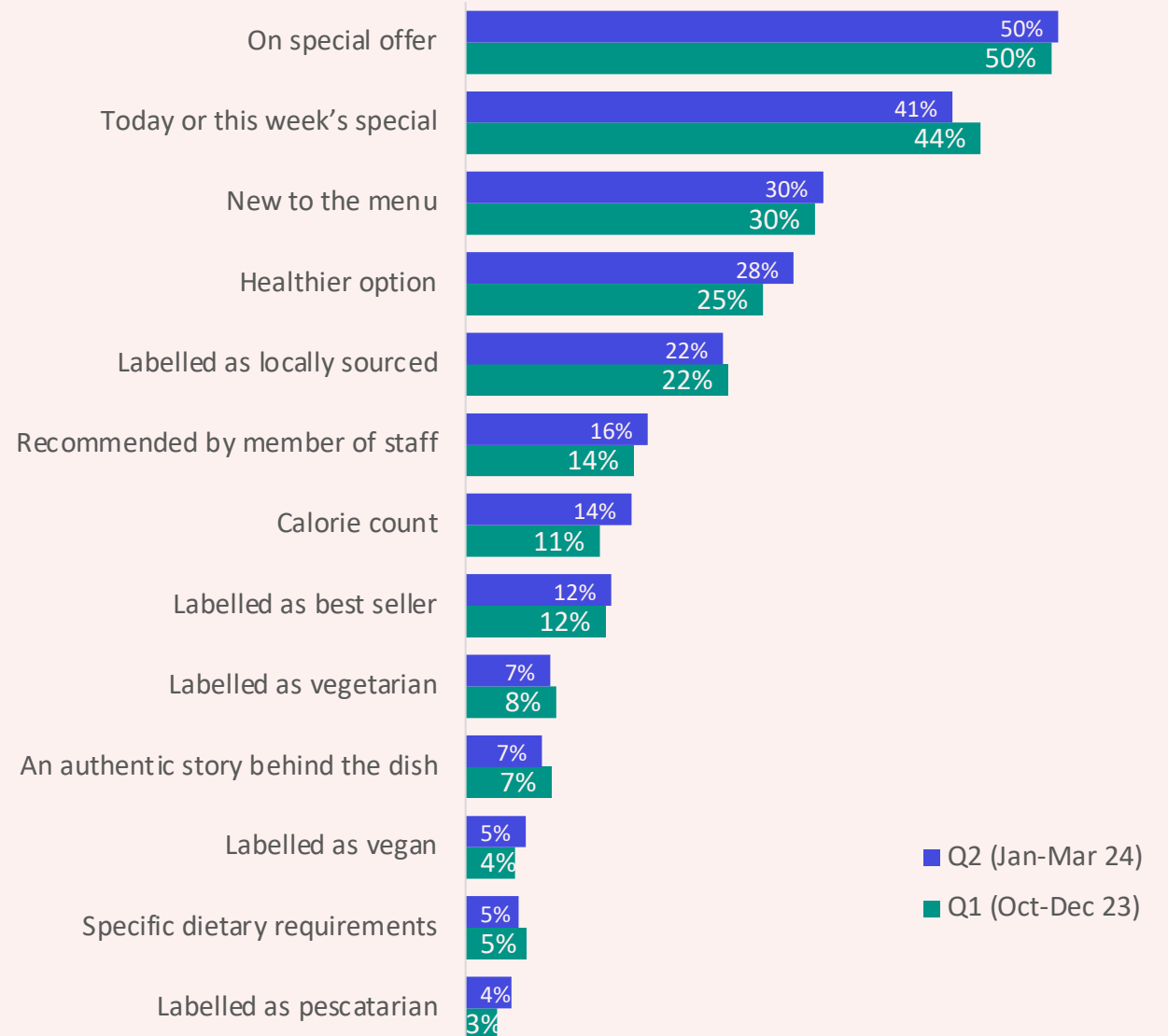
Q. Which of the following would influence your choice of food when ordering in venues such as pubs, bars and restaurants?



# The top menu attributes which would influence a customer's order when in a pub, bar or restaurant.

Data shows the menu attributes that, if flagged against dishes on a food menu, would encourage customers to order it, in the last 3 months.

Q. Which of the following that, if flagged against dishes on a food menu, would encourage you to order it?

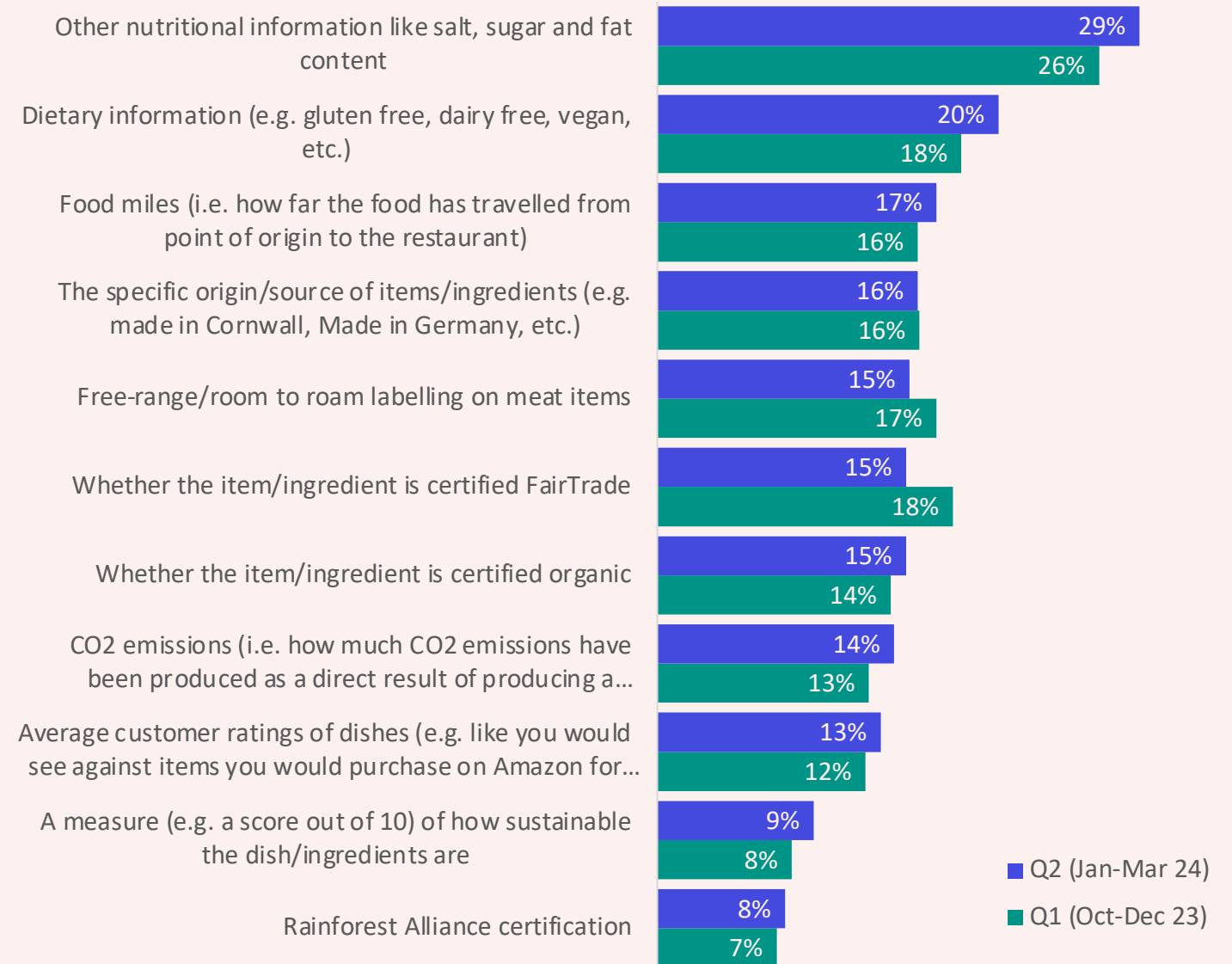




# Additional information customers would like to see on food menus in pubs, bars and restaurants.

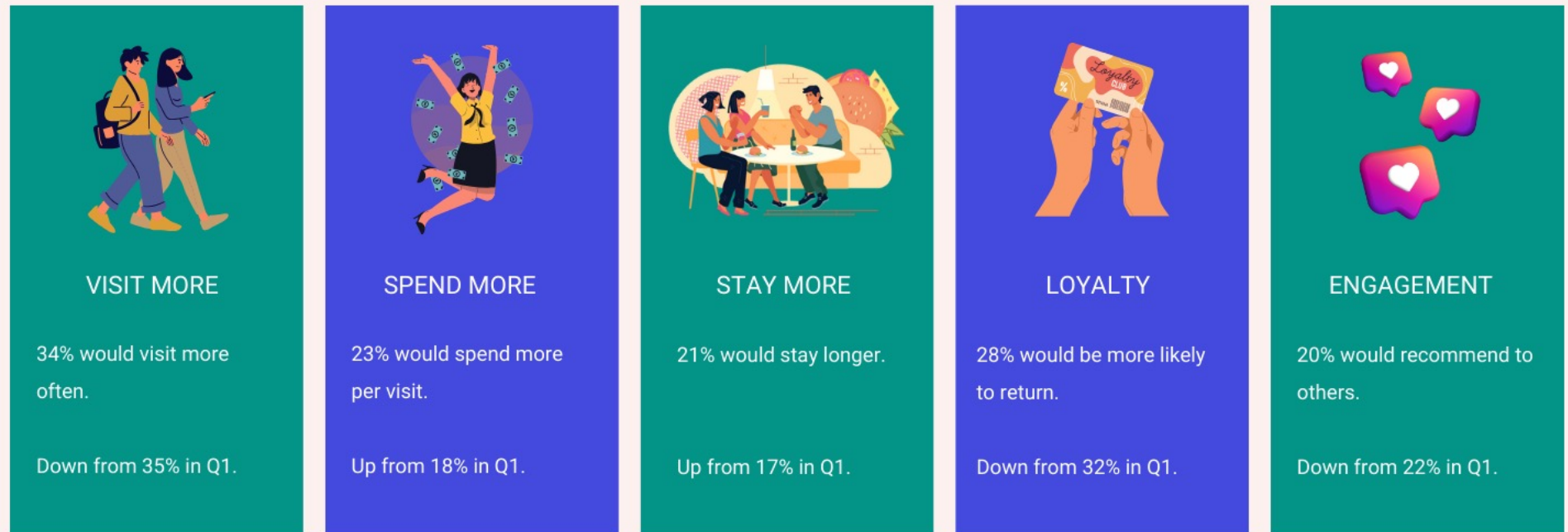
67% of pub, bar and restaurant customers would like at least one of these additional pieces of information shown on food menus. Up from 65% in Q1.

Q. Which of the following details would you like to have the option to read about dishes on a menu?



# BENEFITS OF GETTING FOOD & DRINK MENUS RIGHT FOR THE CUSTOMER.

If pubs, bars and restaurants improved their food and drink menus, in the next 3 months, do you think it would influence you to do any of the following?



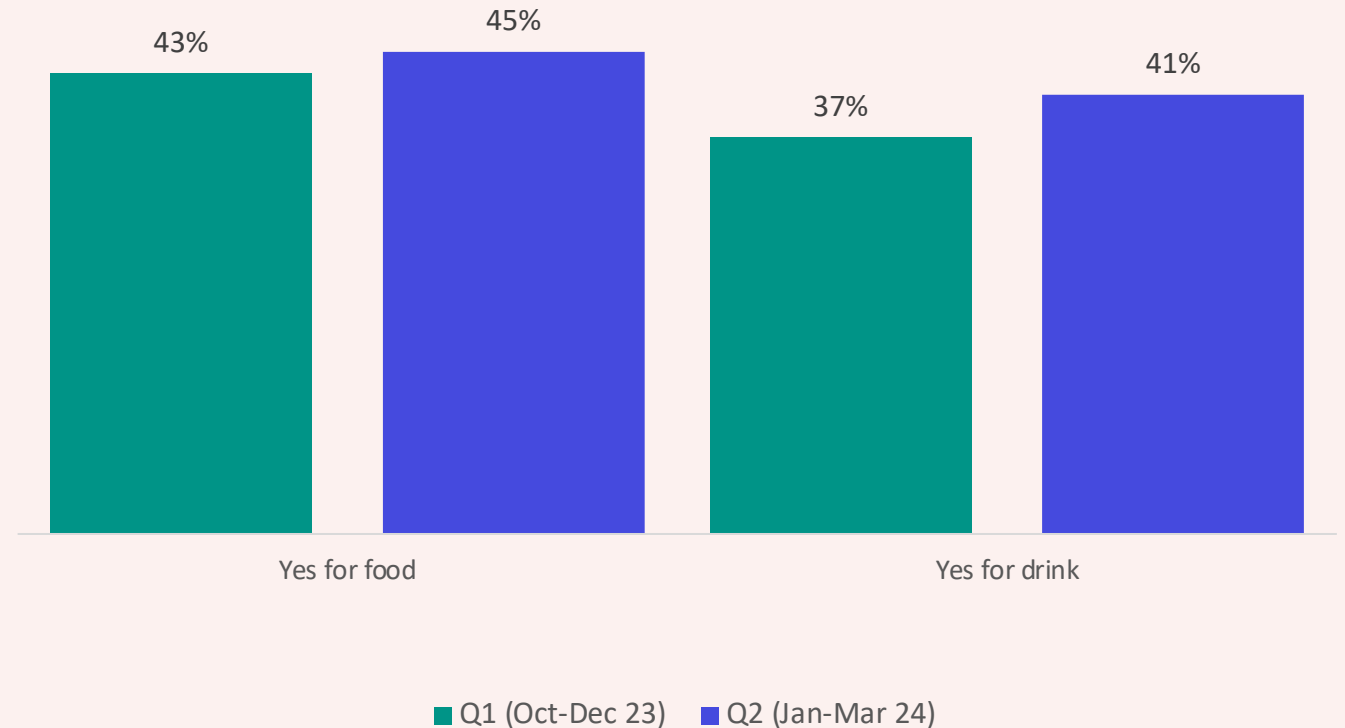
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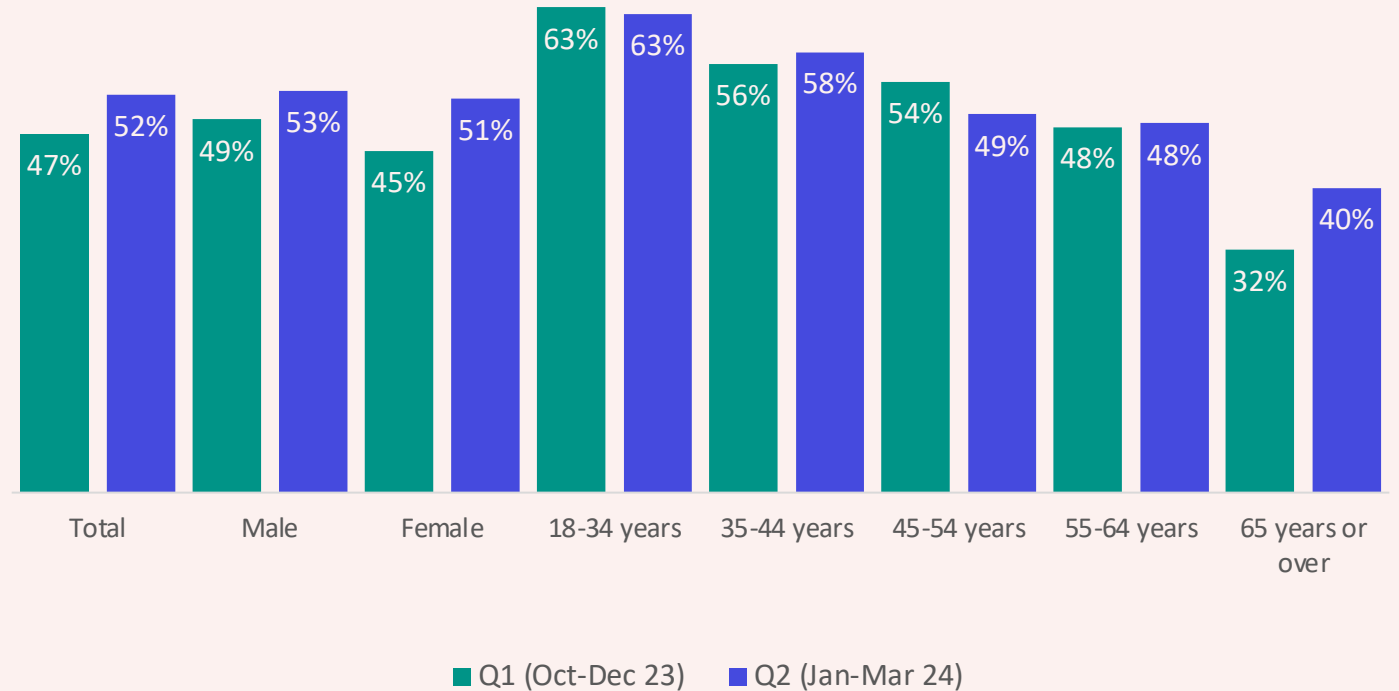
# The demand for personalised recommendations based on what customers have previously ordered.

Data shown helps us to understand the propensity for customers to share their order history (and other personal information) in order to receive curated recommendations from the pubs, bars and restaurants they regularly visit.



# The demand for sharing personal information to receive tailored offers and promotions.

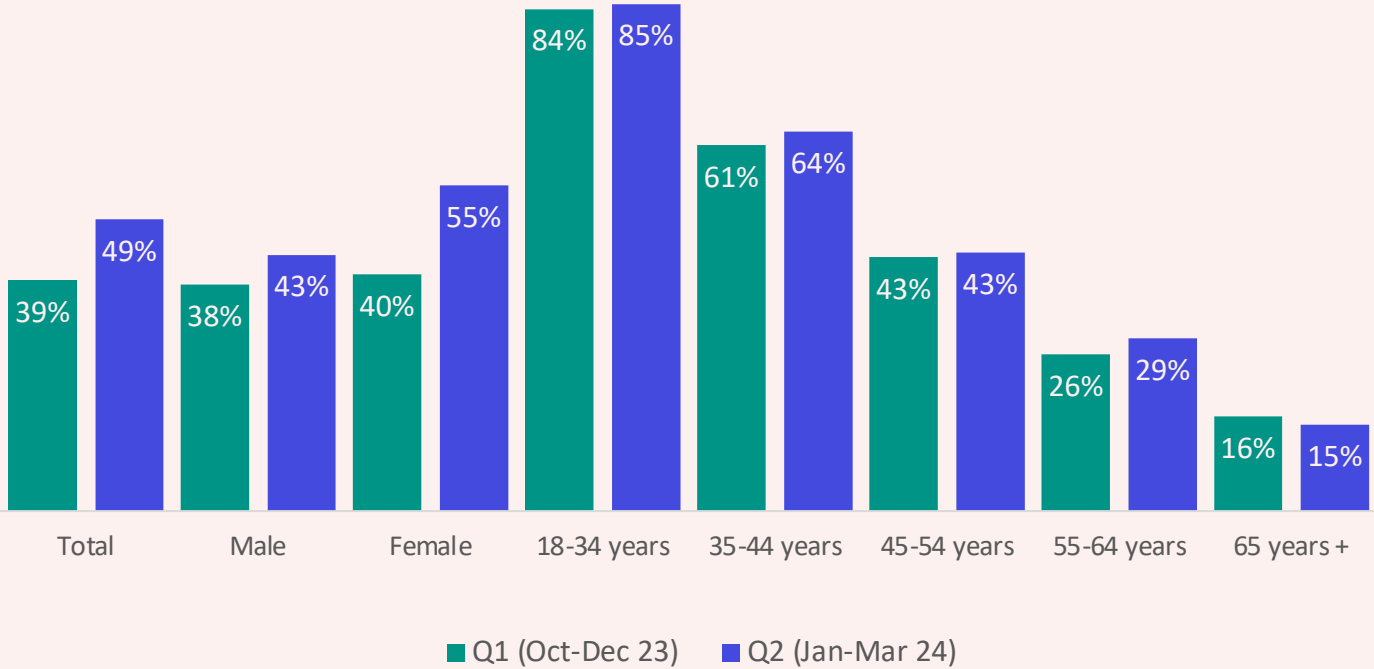
Data shown helps us to understand customers' willingness to share personal information with pubs, bars and restaurant venues in order to receive bespoke offers and suggestions tailored specifically to them. (% of yes responses)



Q. Would you be willing to share more personal information with pubs, bars and restaurant venues in order to receive bespoke offers and suggestions tailored specifically to you?

# Which customers have used a QR code or digital screen in a pub, bar or restaurant?

Breakdown, by demographic, of the customers who have used a QR code or a digital screen in a pub, bar or restaurant in the last 3 months, for the 3-month period.

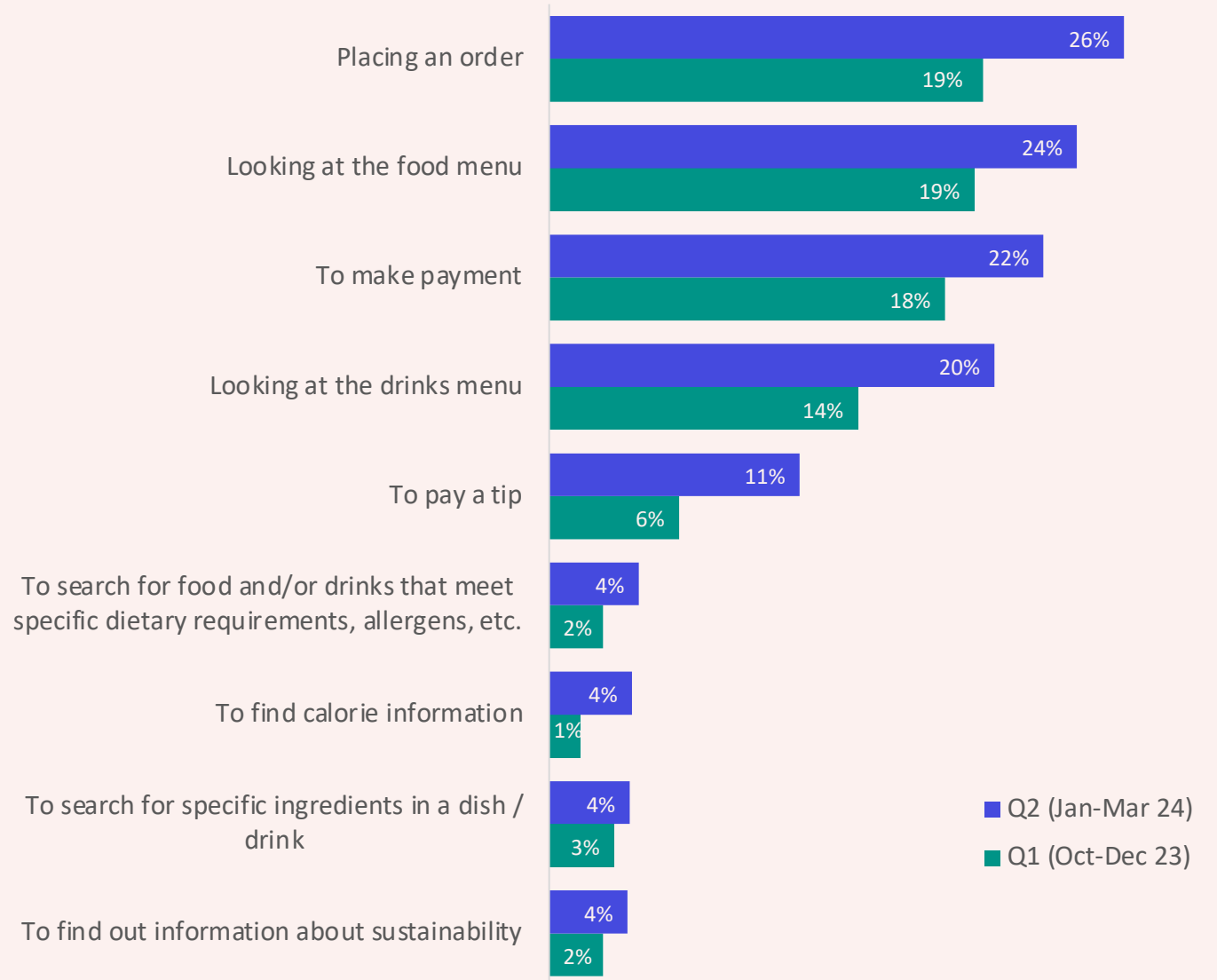


Q. In the last 3 months have you used a QR code or digital screen in a pub, bar or restaurant for any of the following? % who selected at least once option

# Top actions that customers use a QR code for in pubs, bars and restaurants.

Placing an order, looking at the food menu and making payments are the top 3 actions that customers have used QR codes for in the last 3 months.

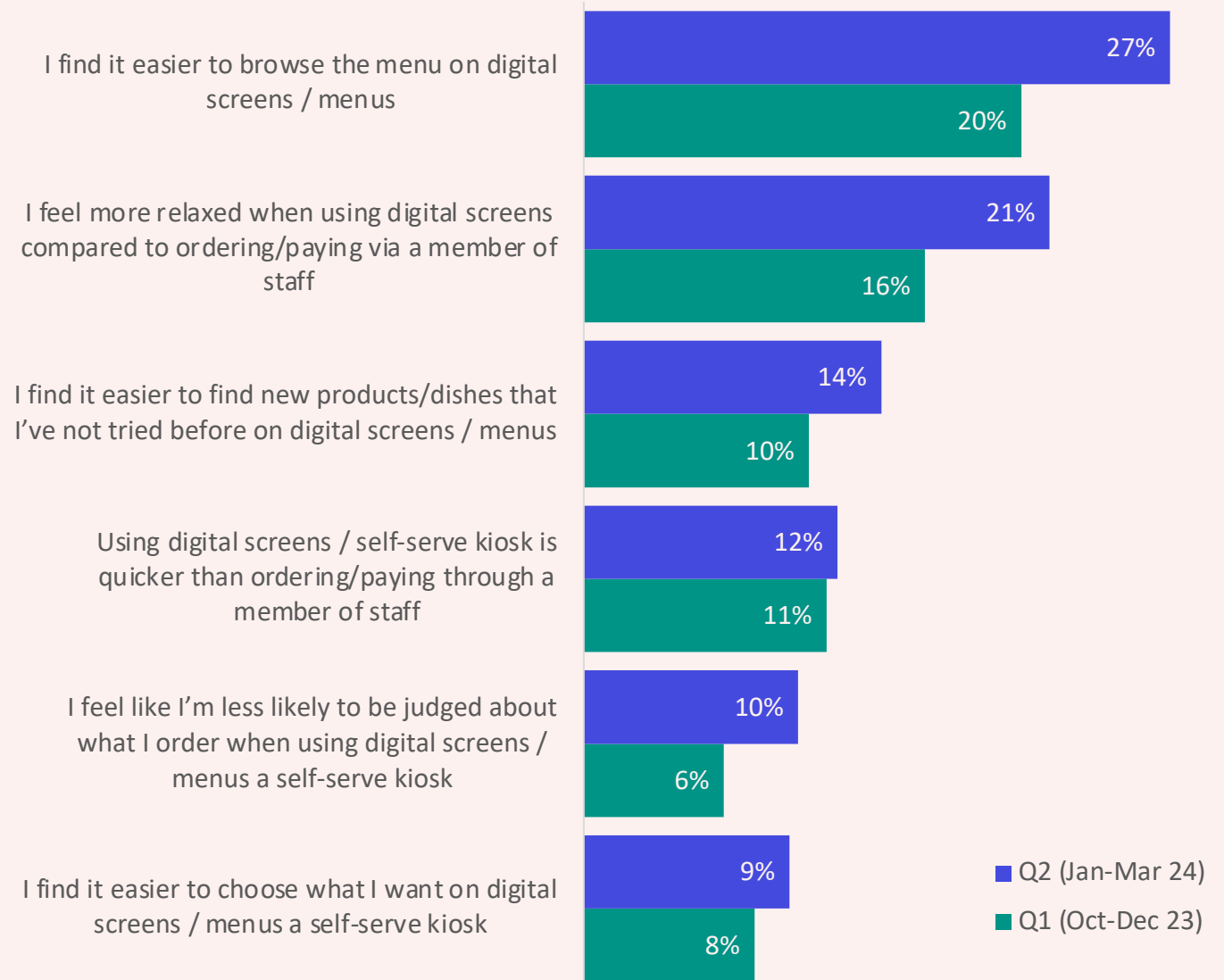
Q. In the last 3 months have you used a QR code or digital screen in a pub, bar or restaurant for any of the following?



# What customers think about QR codes and digital screens in venues.

The more relaxed feel, the ease of browsing and the ability to find new products quicker and easier, are the key drivers for the use of digital screens for ordering and paying in venue.

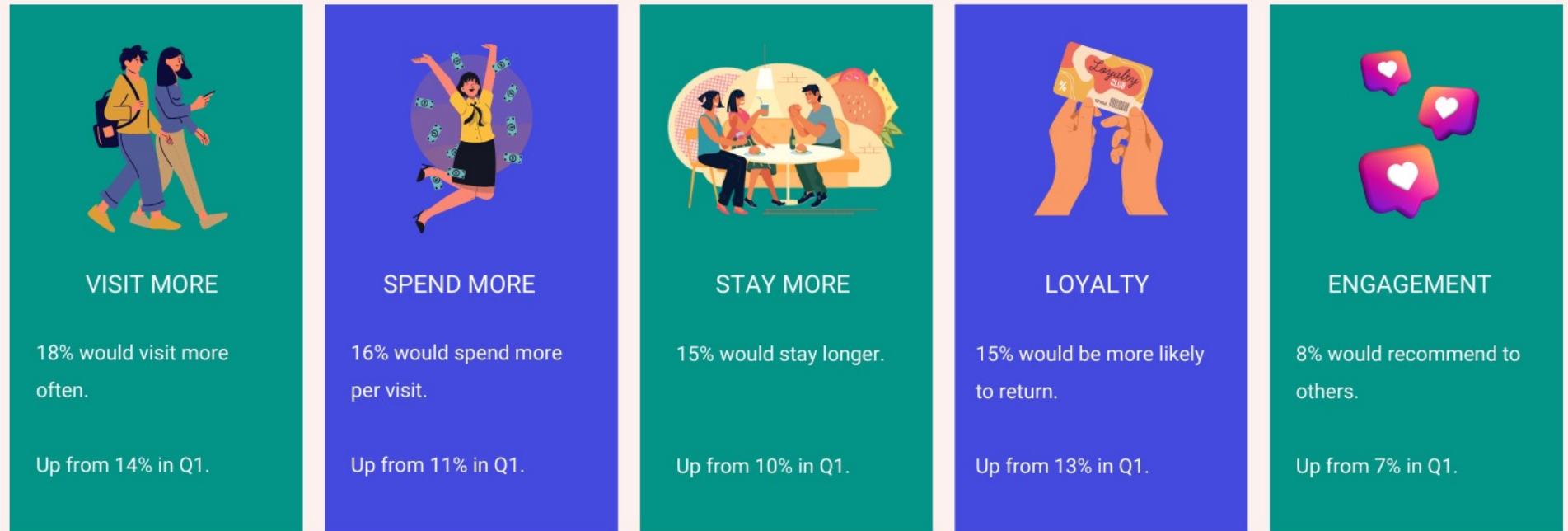
Q. In the last 3 months have you used a QR code or digital screen in a pub, bar or restaurant for any of the following?





# BENEFITS OF GETTING THE USE OF QR CODES & DIGITAL SCREENS RIGHT FOR THE CUSTOMER.

If pubs, bars and restaurants improved their use of QR codes and digital screens/menus, in the next 3 months, do you think it would influence you to do any of the following?



# Engagement



- 60% of customers noticed some form of POS on their last visit to a pub, bar or restaurant (within the last 3 months), up from 55% in the previous period.
- 59% of customers say they don't mind it if staff recommended food and/or drinks to them when they are in venue. Yet just 47% of customers say staff in pubs, bars and restaurants have tried to recommend certain food and/or drinks to them in the last 3 months, compared to 35% in the previous quarter.
- Outside of price, it's descriptions on the menu that are the biggest influence of customer choice. 67% of pub, bar and restaurant customers would like at least one of additional piece of information (outside of a description) shown on food menus. Up from 65% in Q1.
- 49% of the customers have used a QR code or a digital screen in a pub, bar or restaurant in the last 3 months, up from 39% in the previous quarter. Placing an order, looking at the food menu and making payments are the top 3 actions that customers have used QR codes for in the last 3 months.

# LOYALTY

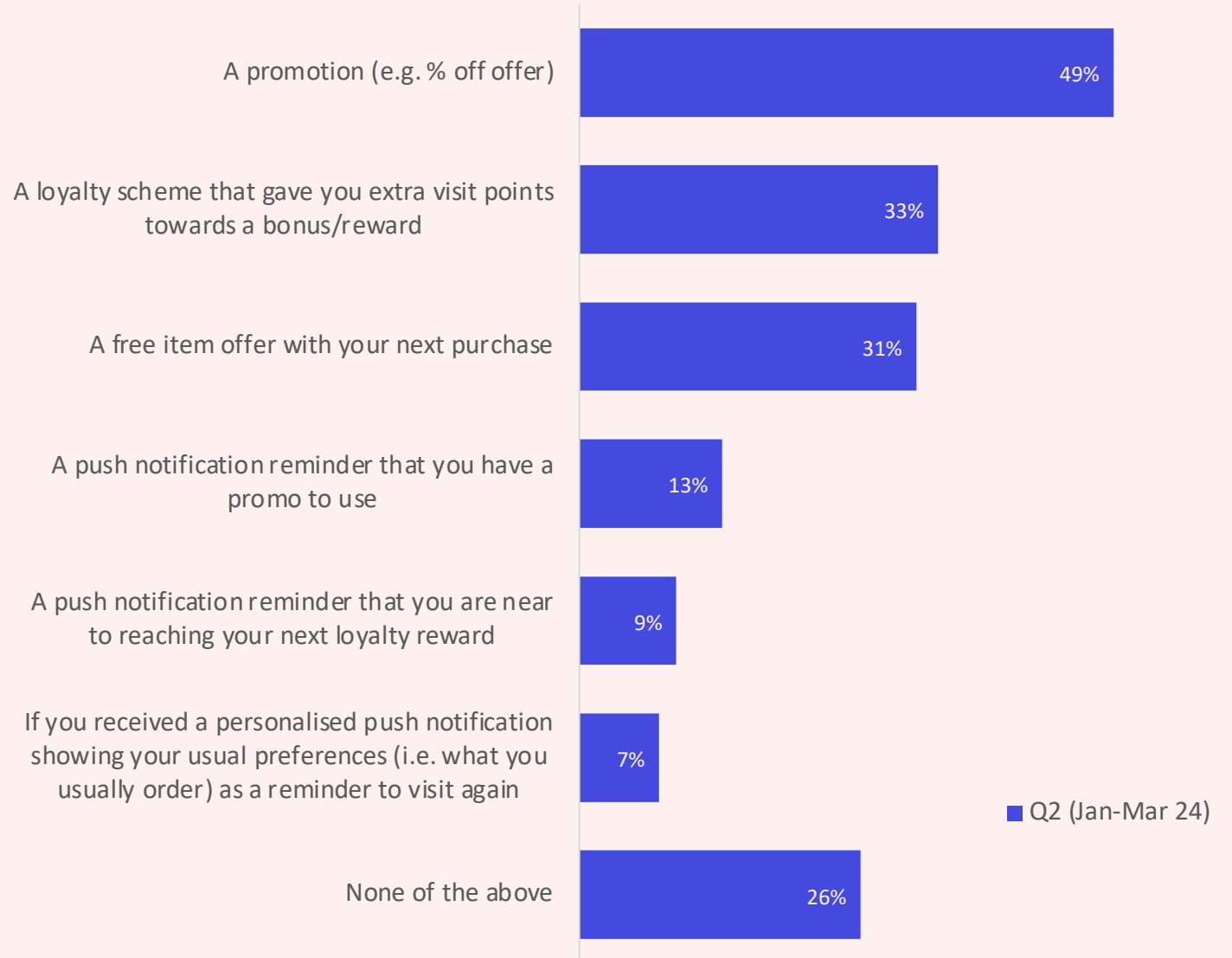
Encouraging customers to leave reviews and the role of loyalty schemes in driving footfall to venues.



# Influencing an additional customer visit to a pub, bar or restaurant

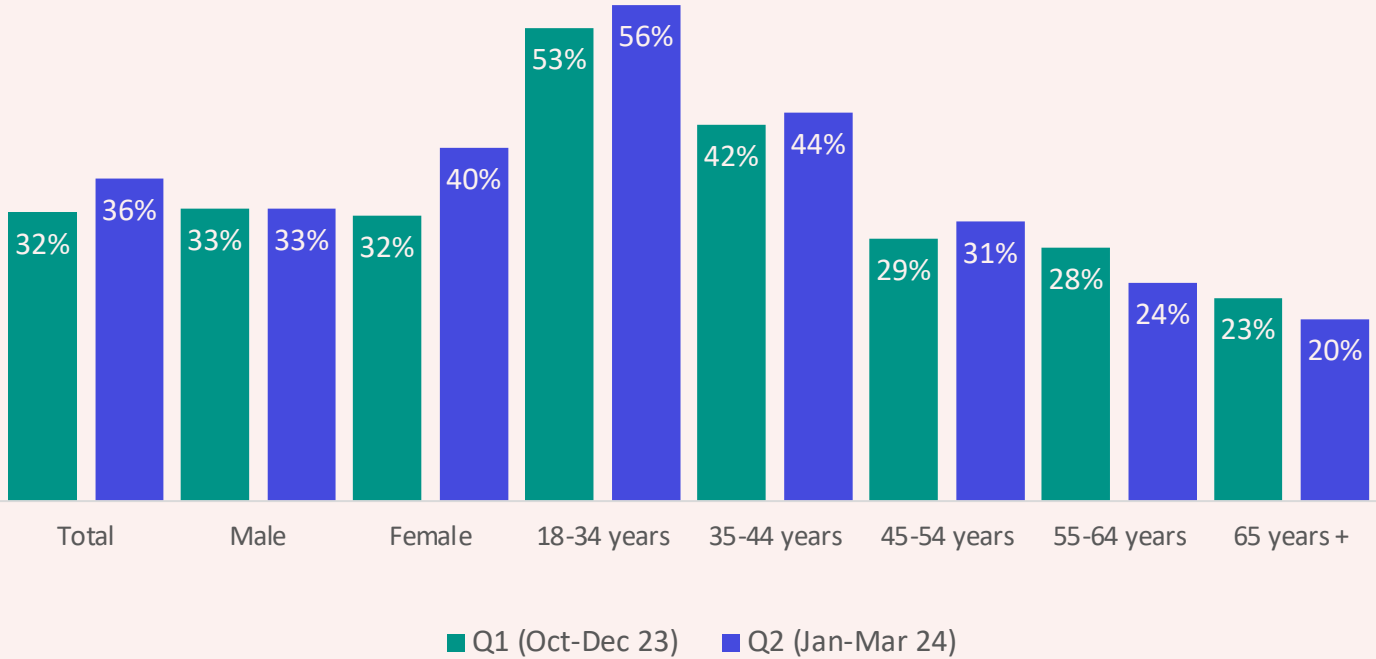
3 in 4 customers would be influence by some type of promotion or reward, in terms of driving an incremental visit to a venue.

Q. Which of the following are most likely to influence you to add an additional visit to a venue (pub, bar or restaurant) that you regularly go to?



# Customer review participation when visiting pubs, bars, and restaurants.

Breakdown, by demographic, of the % of customers who HAVE LEFT a review after visiting a pub, bar, or restaurant within the 3-month period.



Q. Have you ever left a review of a pub, bar or restaurant that you've visited in the last 3 months?

# What would encourage customers to leave reviews more regularly post-visit?

Making it as simple for the customer as possible is more important than offering rewards.

Q. Would you be more likely to leave a review if...?

You could do it on your smartphone at your own convenience

35%

34%

You collected loyalty points/rewards for leaving reviews

31%

29%

You could do it on your smartphone/ a digital screen at the same time you paid your bill

19%

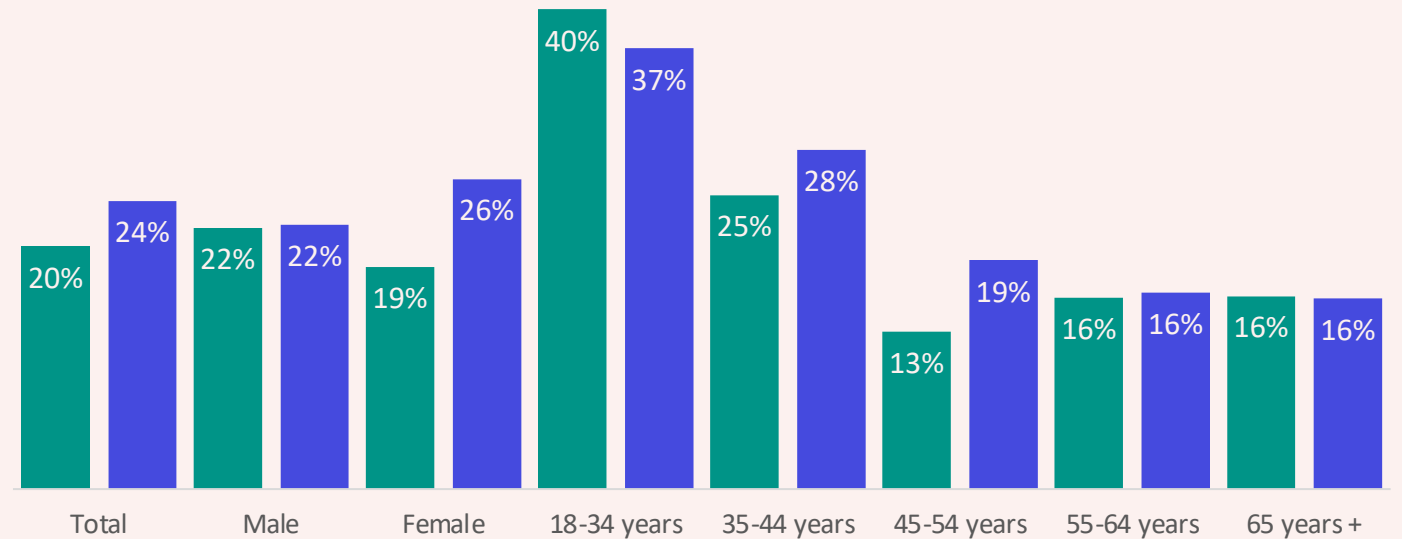
16%

■ Q2 (Jan-Mar 24)

■ Q1 (Oct-Dec 23)

# Current pub, bar and restaurant loyalty scheme participation.

Breakdown, by demographic, of the customers who have been part of a pub, bar or restaurant loyalty scheme in the last 3 months, for 3 month period. Participation in loyalty schemes is up from 20% to 24% since the previous quarter, driven by an increase from those in the 35-54 age range.



Q Are you part of any pub, bar or restaurants loyalty schemes?

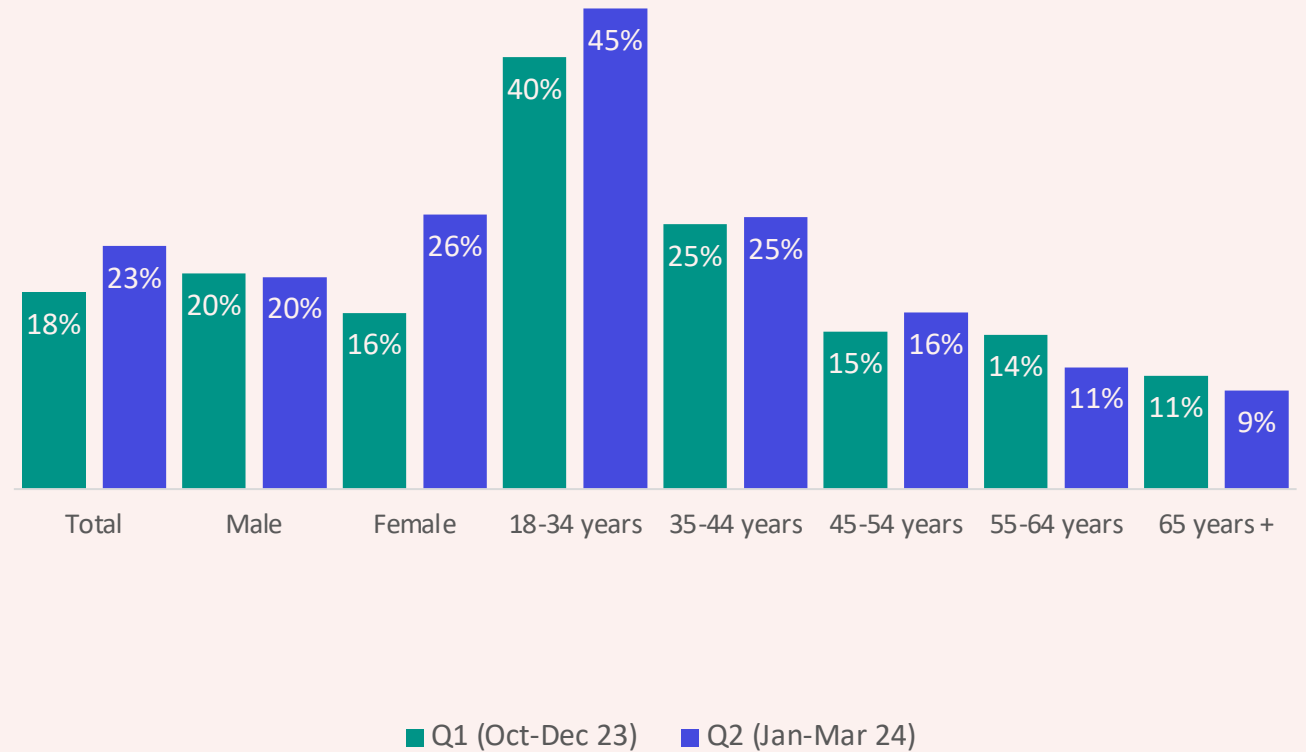
■ Q1 (Oct-Dec 23) ■ Q2 (Jan-Mar 24)

# Has a loyalty scheme influenced a customer visit to a pub, bar or restaurant?

Breakdown, by demographic, of those customers who say they've been influenced by a loyalty scheme to visit a particular pub, bar or restaurant, in the last 3 months, for the period.

Loyalty schemes are more likely to have driven visits in the last 3 months (compared to the previous quarter), up from 18% to 23%.

Q Has a loyalty scheme influenced you to visit a specific pub, bar or restaurant in the last 3 months?

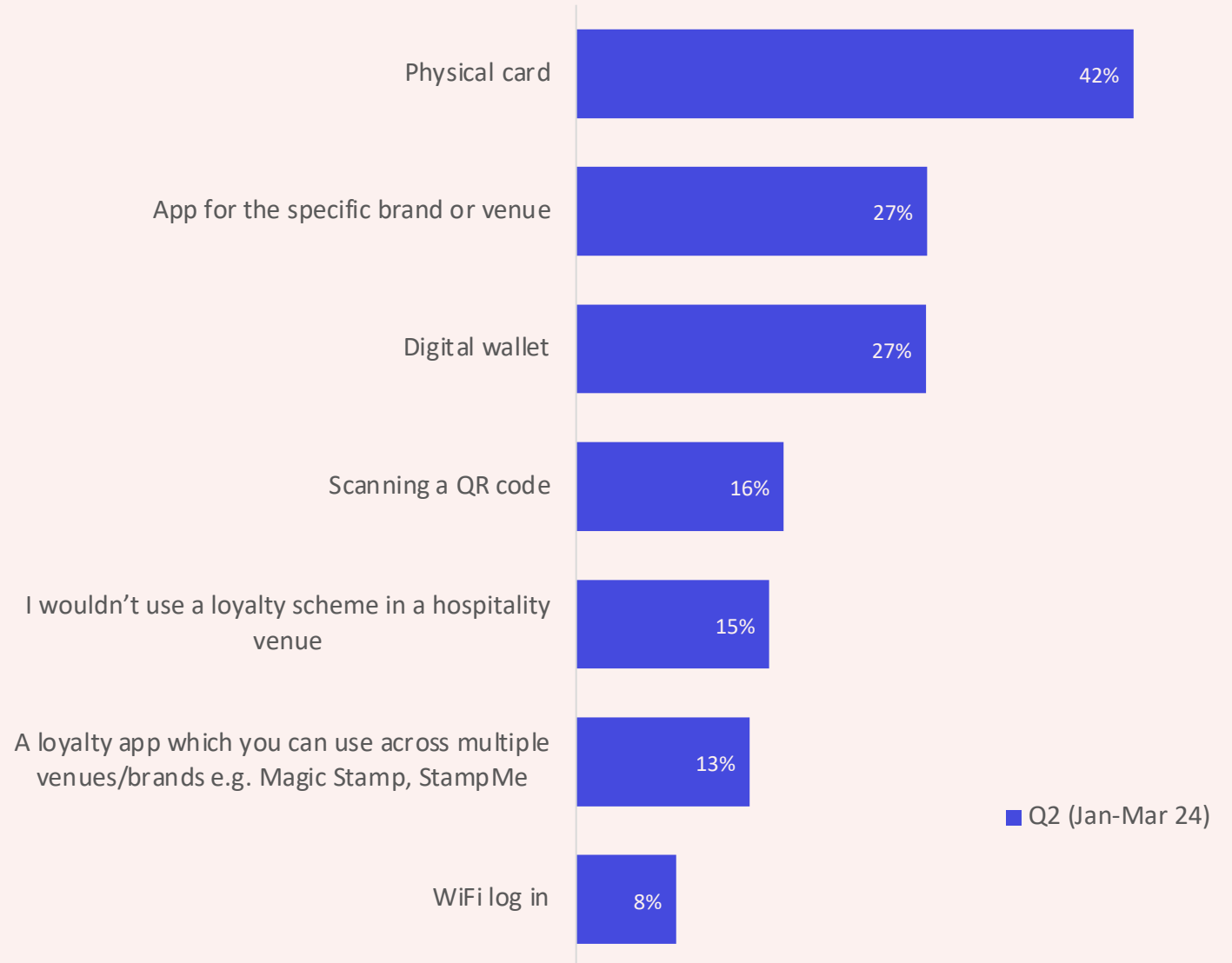




# The preferred method of collecting loyalty points and/or rewards.

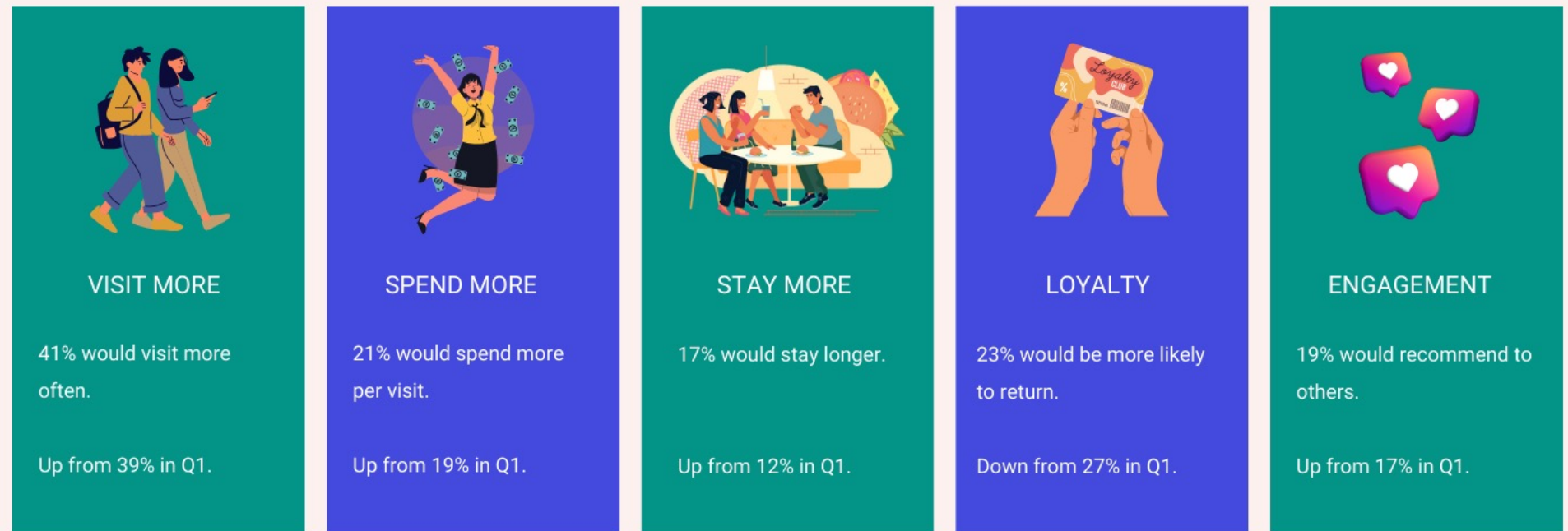
85% of customers would use a loyalty scheme if it was available. The most popular method of collecting points and/or rewards is through a physical card, followed by apps/digital wallets.

Q. What would be your preferred method of collecting loyalty points / pounds / discounts from a pub, bar or restaurant venue, if available?



# BENEFITS OF GETTING LOYALTY SCHEMES RIGHT FOR THE CUSTOMER.

If pubs, bars and restaurants improved their loyalty schemes, in the next 3 months, do you think it would influence you to do any of the following?



# Loyalty



- 24% of customers currently participate in a pub, bar or restaurant loyalty scheme, for the period of Jan-Mar 24, compared to 20% in the previous quarter.
- A loyalty scheme has influenced 23% of customers to visit a particular pub, bar or restaurant in the last 3 months. This is up from 18% in the previous quarter.
- 36% of customers left a review after visiting a pub, bar or restaurant in the last 3 months, up from 32% in the previous quarter. They would be more encouraged to leave reviews if they could do it on their smartphone at their own convenience, and if they could receive loyalty points/rewards for leaving reviews.

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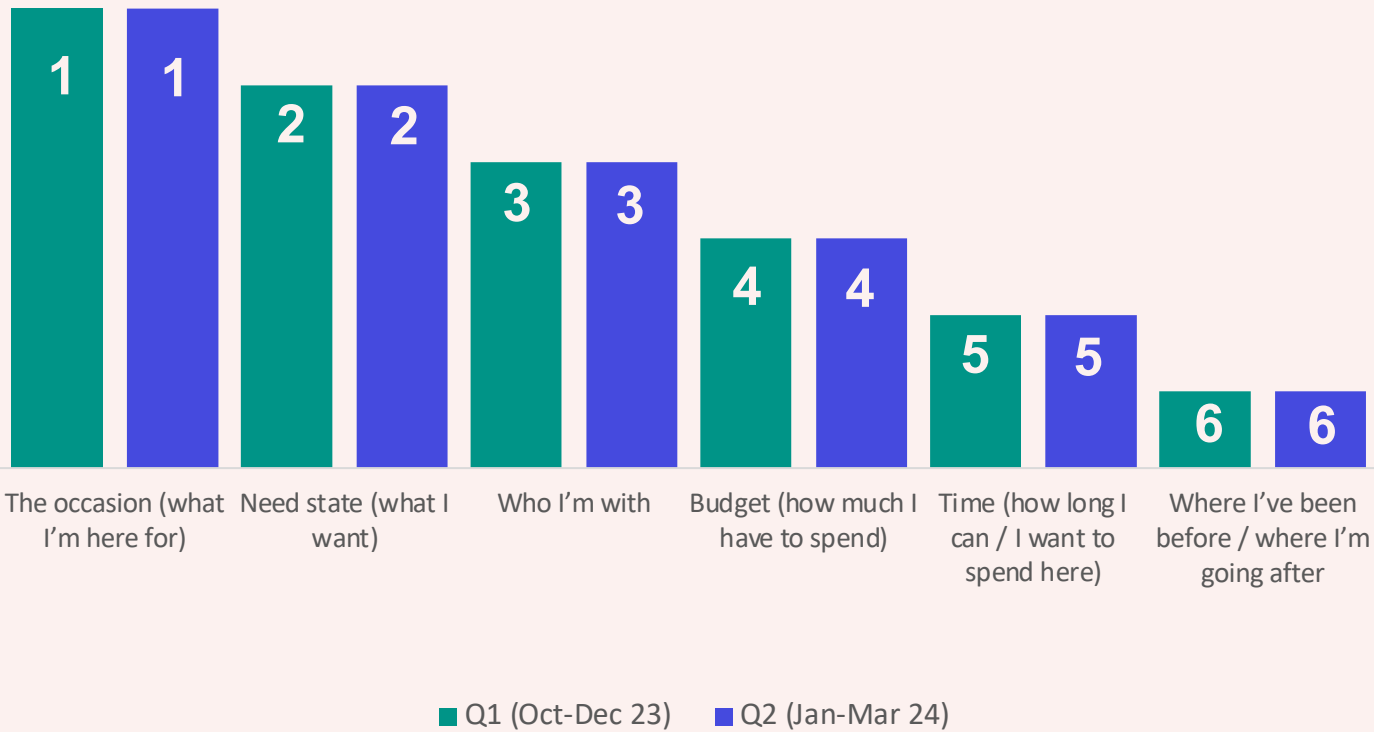
## Summary

Which influences have been most impactful, and which in-venue tools have been most effective in the last 3 months?

# The customer influences that have been most impactful on in-venue behaviour

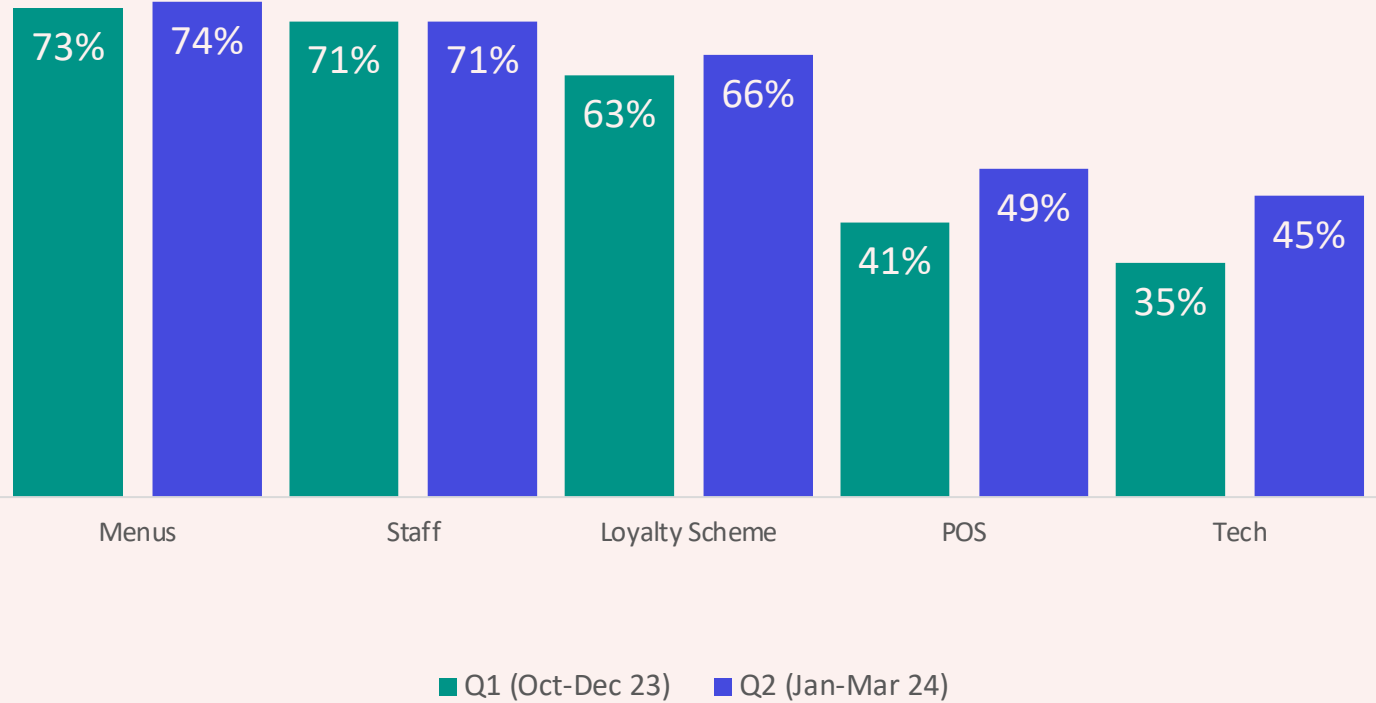
This data shows the ranking in order of which are most likely to influence what they choose to order, with 1 being the most influential.

Q When your in a pub, bar or restaurant, please rank the following in order of which are most likely to influence what you choose to order?



# The in-venue tools that have been most effective in driving customer interactions.

This data shows the ranking, in order, of the tools that have been most effective in driving visit frequency, spend, dwell time, loyalty and engagement. The % shown is those that would be influenced to some degree by that particular tool.



Q If pubs, bars and restaurants improved their xxx, in the next 3 months, do you think it would influence you to do any of the following? (visit more, spend more money, spend more time, make a return visit, share your experience)

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- The average UK adult (+18), claimed they visited a pub, bar, or restaurant, for food and/or drinks, 5.8 times/per month in the period Jan-Mar 2024. An increase from 4.8 times in the previous quarter. With higher visit frequency for males, 18-34s and 55-64s compared to the previous 3-month period.
- Friday and Saturday are the most popular days of the week. We see both Weds and Thursday also being popular with 55+, and Monday being most popular with 18-34s.
- Customers' main motivation, when in venue, for the past 3 months has been the occasion which they are there for, followed by need state and party composition.
- Drinks with friends and family and dinner (Friday-Saturday) have been the most popular occasions. A leisurely lunch has dropped in frequency as an occasion, down from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, most popular, compared to the previous period.).
- Menus have been the most impactful in-venue tool of the the last 3 months (period between Jan-Mar 24), with customers telling us that if pubs, bars and restaurants improved their food and drink menus it would encourage 34% of them to visit more often and 23% to spend more per visit. 28% would also be more likely to come back for a repeat visit and it would encourage 20% of those we spoke to to talk about the venue/recommend it to their friends, family and social media followers. Staff have also been very effective in this period. We've also seen an increase in the effectiveness of both loyalty schemes, POS and technology in driving customer interactions since the last quarter.

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