# C C C C 2022

## Beer, Cider, Ready-To-Drink Breakout







### Meet the Team



### Sales & Consumer Trends



**Plans and Priorities** 





### Meet the Team



### Beer Cider & Ready-to-Drink



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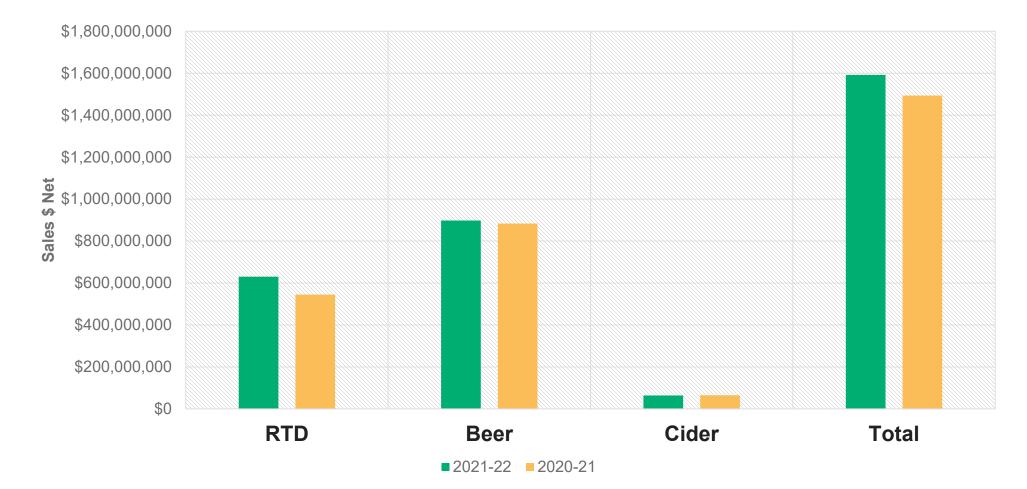
## Sales & Consumer Trends



# Fiscal 2020-21 Performance

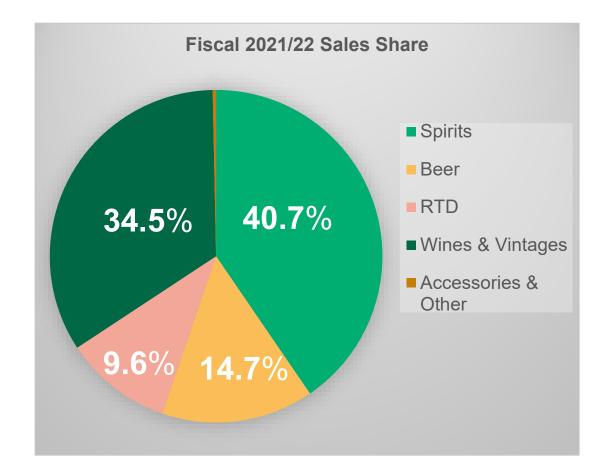


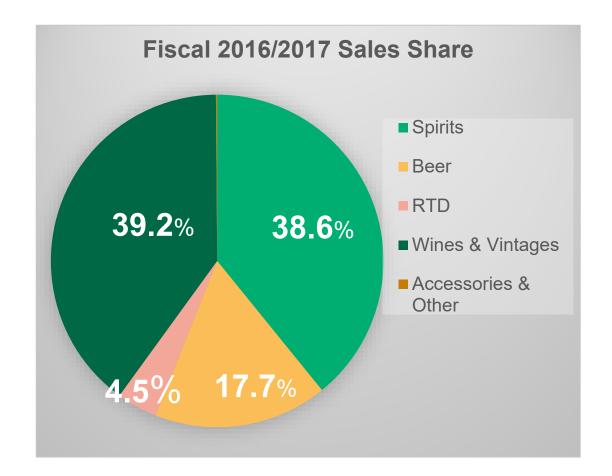
## Refreshment sales outpace other major categories at plus 6.6%, driven by Ready-to-Drink performance





## Ready-to-Drink's share of total LCBO sales grew from 4.5% to 9.6% over the last five years







# Beer & Cider Performance



## The LCBO's share of the Ontario beer market rebounded last year as shopping routines normalize



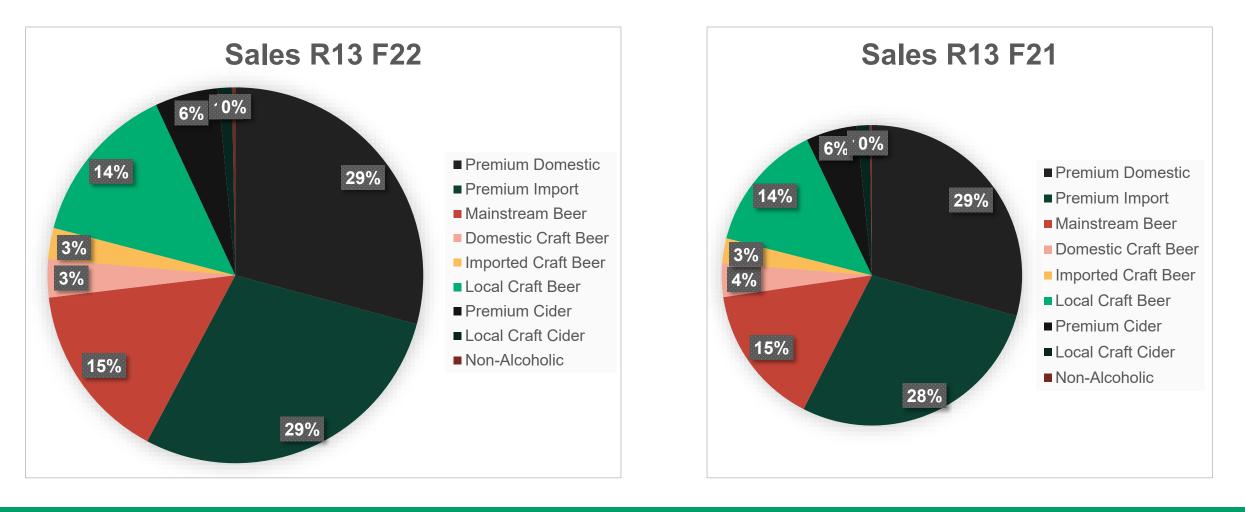
25.5% (+1.3%)

8.4% (-1.3%)

59.9% (flat)

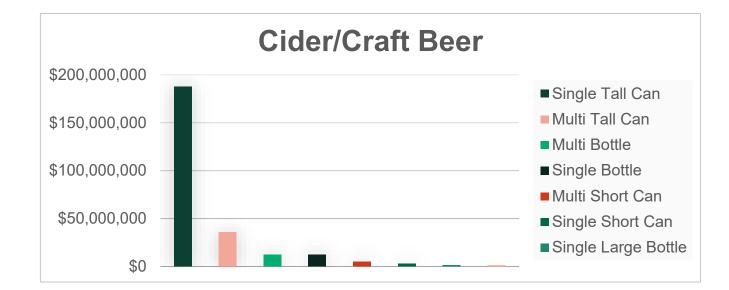


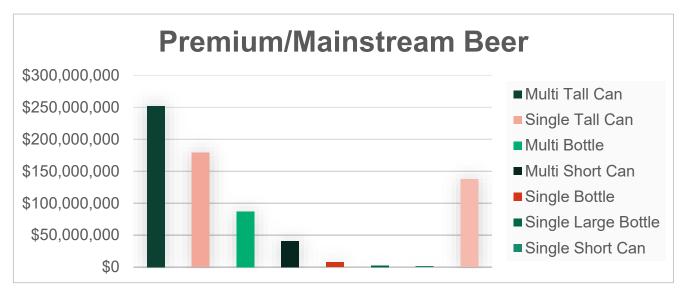
## Little change in market share by beer and cider segment with the exception premium imported beer





Single cans preferred by craft customers; multipacks with Premium/Value shoppers.







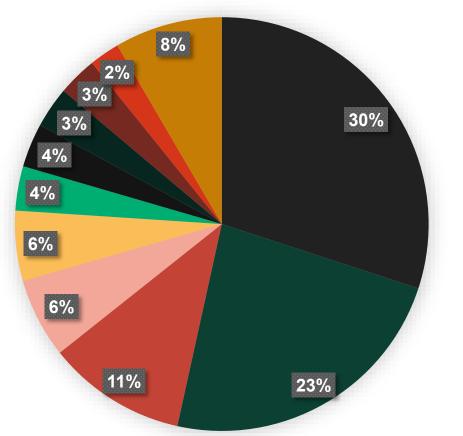
Local craft industry continues to expand with new entrants as sales become more fragmented

Local Craft	Sales \$	Sales \$ LY	% chg	# Suppliers	# Suppliers LY
Beer	\$135M	\$132M	+2%	225	208
Cider	\$12M	\$13M	-12%	37	36
Total	\$148M	\$144M	+2%	262	244

Note: All sales numbers are preliminary and unaudited



## IPA remains the most popular craft beer style, followed by pale lagers and ales.



### Sales R13 F22





### Lighten Up: Beer & Cider





# Ready-to-Drink Performance



## Ready to Drink meets three core consumer trends/ needs

### Convenience

♠ 62% prefer to buy single serve, ready to drink formats for convenience

### Experience

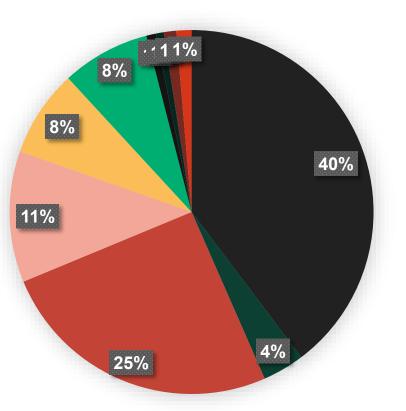
Encompasses a wide variety of products in terms of flavour, style, alcohol base & format

### Wellness

↑ 52% buy because it is an easy to control consumption
 ↑ 51% are looking for nutritional information



### Seltzers and other lighter RTD styles led growth



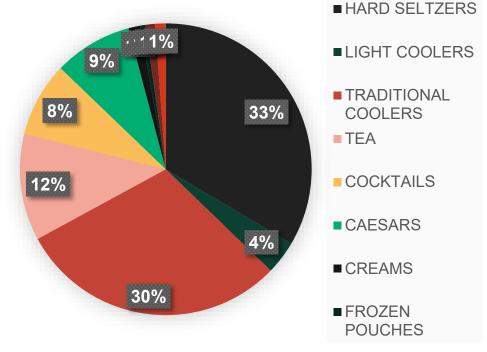
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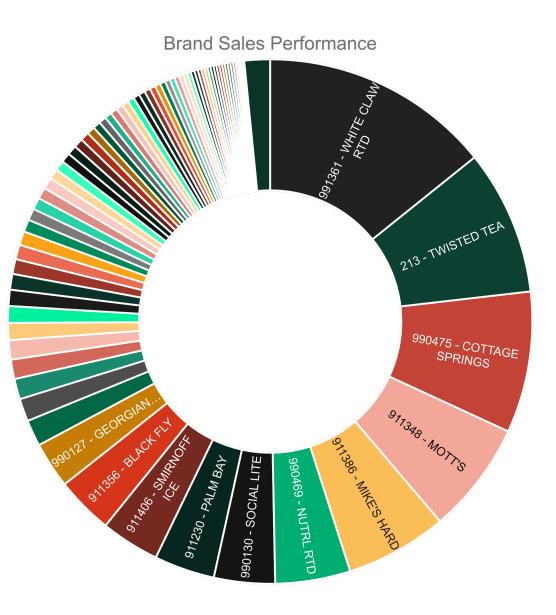
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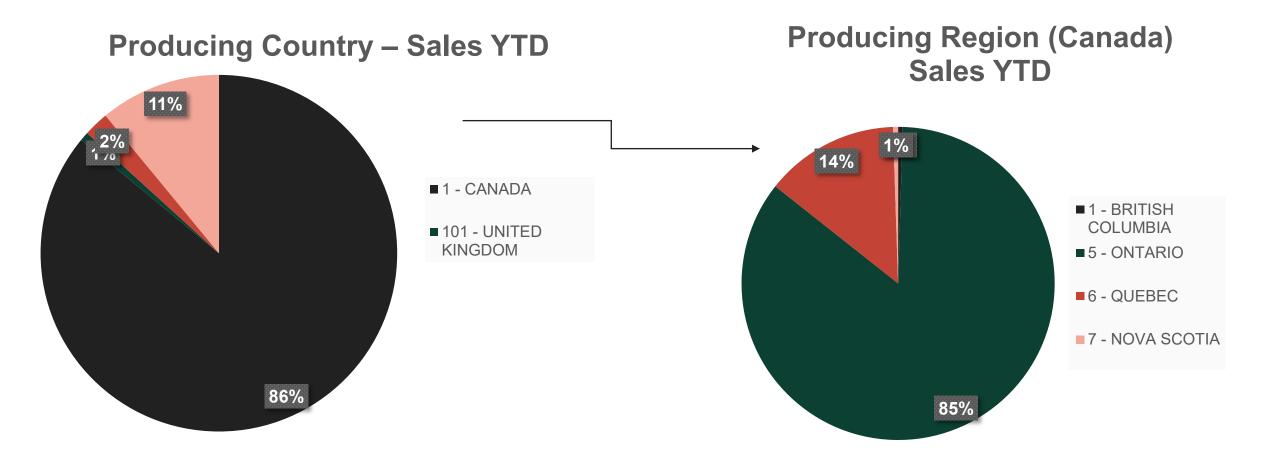


## Top 10 RTD brands equal 67% of sales



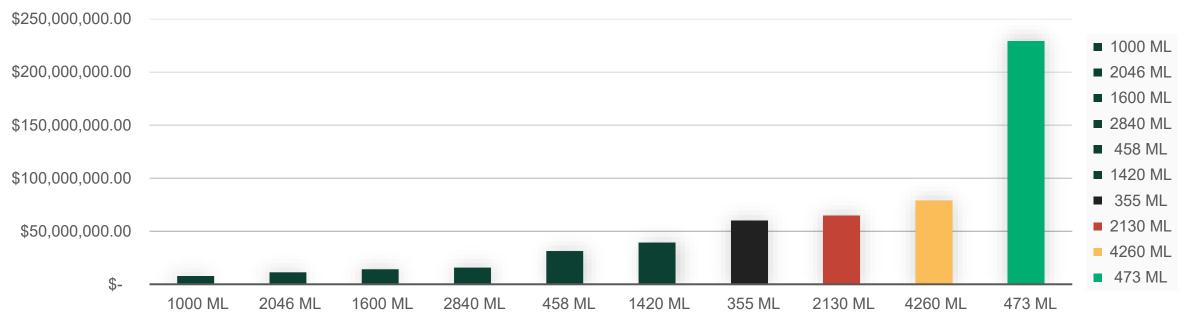


## Canadian manufactured products dominate sales, particularly Ontario-made





### Single tall cans are the top selling format, but larger mixed packs are the fastest growing

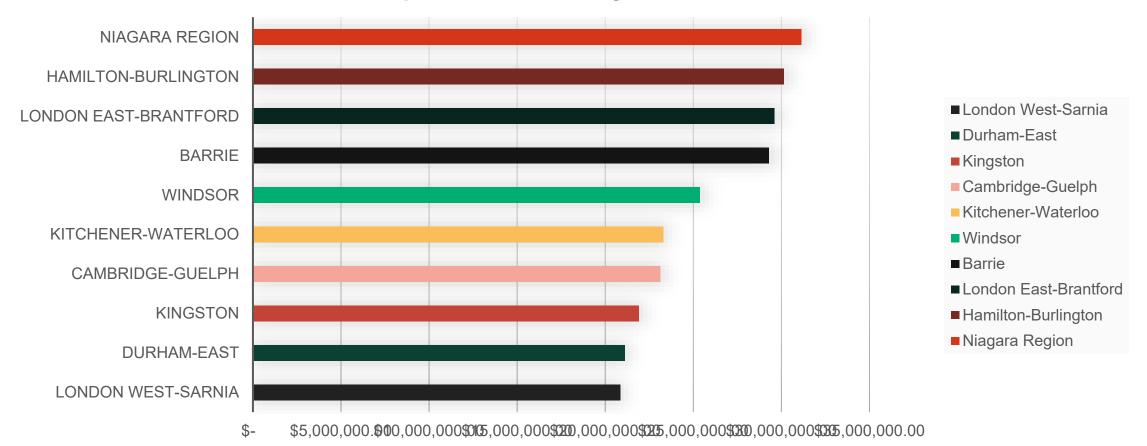


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## Sales continue to be driven by regions outside the two major cities

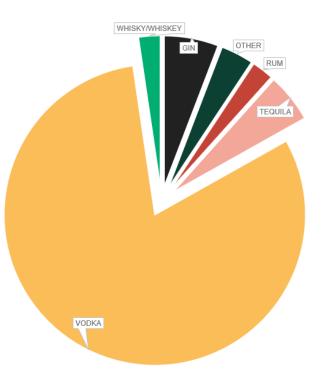
### **Top 10 Districts by Sales YTD**



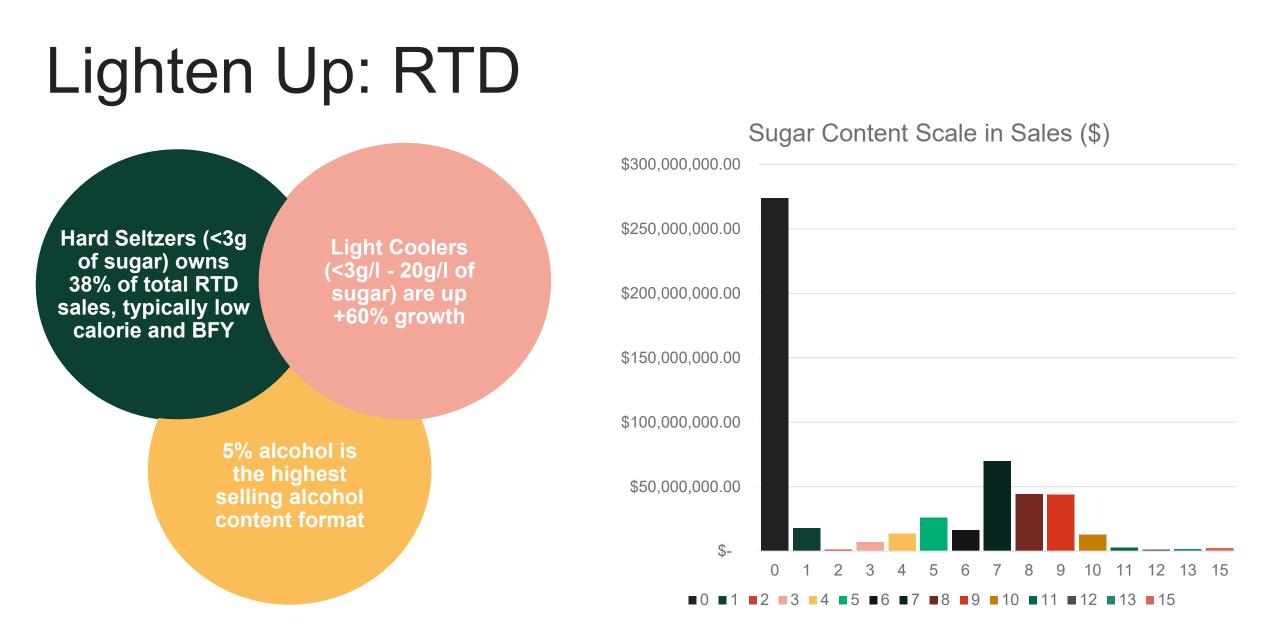


# Spirit-based coolers perceived as higher quality and vodka is still the dominate base

Vodka makes up over 80% of the RTD spirit bases, the other 20% is made of whisky, gin, rum and tequila







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# Gifting Performance



## Holiday Gifting RTD





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- 11 products contributed to \$2.6M in sales, up +39% (+\$741K) from LY with majority of the sales coming earlier in Period's 8 and 9.
- Classic premixed continues to be the customer favourite, while cooler variety packs provided entertaining solutions.



Holiday Gifting Beer & Cider





- 2021 Program had 45 products generating \$4.6M in sales, +18%
- Increased selection of local craft beer & cider, many regionally distributed



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## Plans and Priorities



### **Optimized assortment**

- Refresh through competitive call process
- On trend, in demand products
- Leverage channels strategically
- Well-timed innovation
- Strong gift offerings
- Leverage RTD to build basket



### **Effective promotions**

- Support innovative trade ideas
- Priority to exclusive & unique offers
- Drive traffic to LCBO
- Leverage channels
- Explore Aeroplan

### **BCRTD** Priorities

### **Optimized space**

- Update in accordance to customer demand and category trends
- Maintain customer-ready
   presentation
- Support operational efficiency



### **Support local**

- Higher proportion of new products
- Higher product churn
- Dedicated displays and special exposure



# Assortment Priorities



## Beer & Cider is planned for modest growth this year, while Ready to Drink continues to lead.

	Net Sales FY23 Plan	Y/Y Net sales var
Beer & Cider	\$ 986,324,860	2.5%
RTD	\$ 698,215,919	10.8%
Beer & Cider, RTD	\$ 1,684,540,778	5.8%

Retail Sales = Home Consumers, E-commerce, Licensee, and Agency

Note: All sales numbers are preliminary and unaudited

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### Category roles and assortment priorities

Product Set	Craft Beer	Premium Beer	Value Beer	Cider	Ready to Drink	Non-Alcohol
Status	Grow	Grow	Maintain	Grow Local	Grow	Grow
Role	Lead Differentiator Image	Compete Traffic Driver Protect Market Share	Play Traffic Driver Maintain	Lead Local Compete Premium	Lead Profit Driver Channel Exclusive	Compete Differentiator Grow Market Share
Needs	Local Driven High Churn Exclusivity	First-To-Market Exclusive Offers & Promotions	Everyday Value Deep LTOs	Premium & Local Focus	Innovation Lead Exclusivity Breadth	Exclusivity Style Breadth Competitive Costs
Product Call	Yes	Planning	No	Yes	Yes	Planning



### Key Takeaways: Assortment

#### Beer

Focus on premium and craft. Assortment size largely. maintained but refreshed.



### **Ready to Drink**

Most competitive category where priority is given to strong proof of concept and LCBO exclusivity.

#### **Non-Alcohol**

Priority for exclusive, premium or craft with competitive costing that enhances LCBO margins.



#### Cider

Focus is on maintaining a good representation of premium innovation and local craft offerings.



### Highly competitive categories

Almost 3,000 new product applications annually

900 RTD submissions almost doubled over last two years

Success rate varies by call and category needs



## RTD sales targets increase in line with category growth; in-season trend adjustments may be applied

CATEGORY	Timeframe	Size	TARGET
Variety /Mixed Packs Large Formants SKUS > 2100 mL	Periods 1 to 5 (innovation & existing)	>2100mL	\$1,100,000
Seltzers & Sodas Light Coolers & Cocktails	Period 1 to 5 (innovation)	Single & Multi (<2100mL)	\$900,000
Теа	Annual (existing)	Single & Multi (<2100mL)	\$1,700,000
Traditional Cocktails	Period 1 to 5	Single & Multi (<2100mL)	\$800,000
Caesar Creams	Annual	Single & Multi (<2100mL)	\$1,400,000
Premixed Cocktails / Shots Niche Items	Period 1 to 5	All Formats/Sizes	\$500,000



### Collaborative planning best practices

Focused and concise meetings and presentations

Robust and reliable supply chain

Adherence to category planning and on-boarding timelines



# Merchandising & Promotional Priorities



Space Planning Update

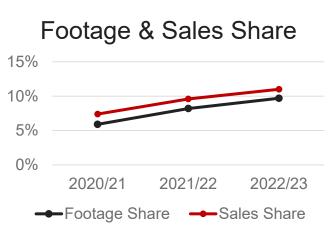
Seasonal space grew by last year

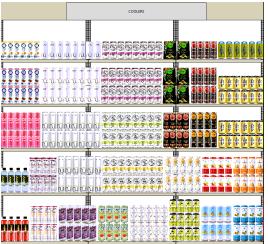
Further reallocation this year

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SKU targets largely protected







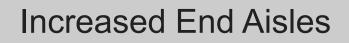


## Beer, Cider & Ready-to-Drink major display opportunities





### **Beer Excitement Zone**





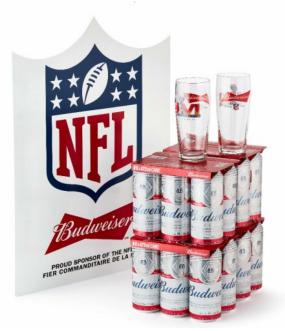
Year-round block pile



## Grow ecommerce sales with engaging exclusive products and offers



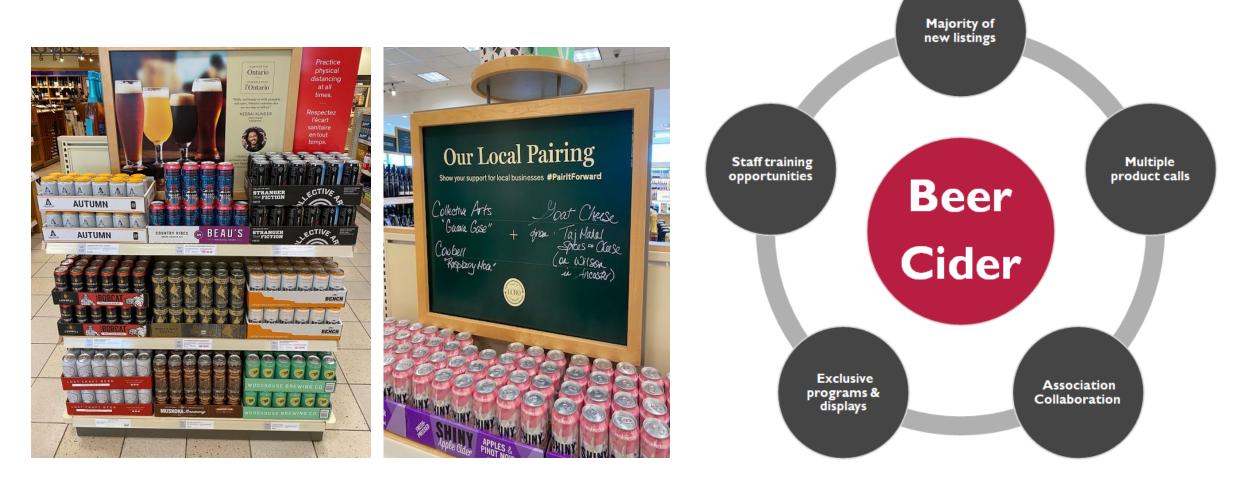








## Continue to elevate and support local craft beer and cider





### **Drive exciting Aeroplan promotions**

# LCBO AEROPLAN (\*\*)









### Key Takeaways



Assortment priorities & trends drive product selection

What this means for YOUR Business



The listing process is highly competitive



Priority given to exclusive or unique product and promotional offers



Ready to Drink is transforming the refreshment business and by extension section space



# Thank you

