

## THE BRANDS WE TRUST IN 2020 DESPITE COVID-19

OUR 22ND ANNUAL SURVEY REVEALS THE BRANDS & PERSONALITIES WE MOST TRUST

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Trust has never been more important in our community due to the unprecedented difficult times since the beginning of 2020. The COVID-19 crisis has affected both businesses and individuals across the world and organisations are reshaping the way they operate in order to continue relationships and reputations that have taken years to build. The 22nd annual list of Singapore's Most Trusted Brands offers invaluable insight into those brands that have withstood the challenges of today's climate to instil even more consumer faith.

Reader's Digest commissioned leading research agency Catalyst Research to survey a representative sample across Asia

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to find out consumer views on brands in over 50 categories. More than 8000 individuals were selected across five of the region's key markets: Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Taiwan. As well as brands, Singapore's most trusted personalities were also identified and these results are exclusively revealed in the June issue of Reader's Digest Singapore.

According to Reader's Digest Editor-in-Chief, APAC, Louise Waterson, "While COVID-19 has certainly changed the marketplace, and the way we go about being consumers, other things remain the same when it comes to our relationships with brands. For the brands themselves, trust matters when it comes to weathering a crisis, and ultimately, trust is built on the traditional foundations of quality, consistency, honesty and delivering on your promises. In terms of this current situation, with this pandemic, that also means getting proactive and reaching out to your customers like never before. It's very much about maintaining a relationship with that particular

individual."

TRUST DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS In these unprecedented difficult times, brands are expected more than ever to support customers with their concerns and provide reassurance that expectations will be upheld and that their value as a customer is recognised.

Trusted Brands understand that the key to easing consumer anxieties is to open a gate of communication through mutual respect and empathy. The Trusted Brands outlined in our survey are here to listen to customer concerns, sympathise with their situations and provide the necessary support and assistance to their customers because they appreciate these valued relationships. This is the kind of service and quality that helps a consumer understand that the brand they know and trust is still on their



side, and working hard to continue the relationship they worked hard to build.

## **NOTABLE WINNERS**

- AIA, an Asia Award winner, also wins in Life Insurance and Travel Insurance categories in Singapore.
- NTUC FairPrice wins across four different categories (Rice, Cooking Oil, Supermarket & Online Grocery, and Tissue Paper).
- Glenda Chong wins Most Trusted TV Host/Presenter for News & Current Affairs whilst Michelle Chong wins Most Trusted Entertainment/Variety Presenter.
- Joseph Schooling yet again wins Most Trusted Sports Personality and, similarly, the Flying Dutchman claims the Most Trusted Radio Presenter for another year.

## ABOUT THE SURVEY AND TO SEE THE FULL LIST

This is not a survey of the readers of Reader's Digest magazine. It is an independently commissioned poll, with the results appearing exclusively in Reader's Digest Singapore. Leading market research agency Catalyst Research surveyed a representative sample of 8000 individuals from Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Taiwan to determine which brands consumers trust most.

The survey reveals the brands, products and services that consumers believe in over more than 50 categories.

These are the brands that consumers in Singapore turn to and recognise in their daily lives; whether that be the rice they serve to their family, the supermarket they shop at, or the insurance company they turn to.

These are the brands we lean towards every time we have to make a purchasing decision, the brands that have demonstrated through consistency and longevity that they are trusted in the minds of ordinary Singaporeans.

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