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Consumers prefer genAlcreated content: Bank marketers, take note

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The finding: Sixty percent of consumers favor content from generative AI (genAI) creators over traditional creators, according to a Censuswide survey commissioned by marketing firm Billion Dollar Boy.

The November 2023 survey polled 4,000 US and UK consumers, 1,000 content creators, and 1,000 senior marketing decision-makers.

What it actually means: Marketing professionals are even more optimistic about genAl than consumers.

- Replacement fears are also mild: 82% of marketers believe genAl will lighten the workload for content creators.
- And 86% believe it will boost the quantity of content they produce.
- Three-quarters of marketing professionals also believe consumers want to see more of the technology incorporated into content creation—15 percentage points higher than consumers' response.

How it works: GenAl still needs a human in the driver's seat—but it can help their work get their brand's name and products in front of customers more effectively.

- Marketers who use genAl can augment their creativity and efficiency to deliver more relevant and engaging content to customers, per The Financial Brand.
- GenAl sifts through extensive customer data, like transactions and interactions, to deduce individual preferences and behaviors.
- That can help marketers produce highly customized content, including personalized product suggestions and financial guidance, on a large scale.

What banks should do next: Adopting genAl for bank marketing initiatives needs to be part of a companywide initiative for best results.

McKinsey lays out how banks can do it:

- Banking leaders need a clear genAl roadmap that emphasizes senior leadership alignment, talent development, and use-case prioritization based on value and feasibility. They must also have a solid understanding of genAl's capabilities and limitations to make the roadmap realistic.
- Banks should start with pilot projects to test the feasibility and effectiveness of genAl applications in real-world scenarios before scaling up.



 They should also consider internal building options and third-party solutions carefully. Then, they must align their talent and recruitment strategies with their AI strategy to secure the necessary talent for implementation.

Key takeaway: <u>JPMorgan</u> and <u>Capital One</u> are <u>winning the genAl race</u> so far by conducting research and securing top Al talent, but that doesn't mean it's too late for smaller financial institutions (FIs) to get involved.

Just 6% of small FIs have companywide roadmaps for AI implementation, per The Fintech Times, so those who start now could still be ahead of many competitors.

Budget Allocation for Generative AI Marketing Initiatives According to CMOs and Executives Worldwide, by Industry, Oct 2023

% of respondents

	Already in place	Plan to in the next 6 months	No plans to do so in the next 6 months
Media	63%	15%	21%
Consumer goods	55%	25%	20%
Automotive	54%	22%	24%
High-tech	52%	22%	26%
Insurance	51%	27%	22%
Retail	51%	25%	25%
Banking	49%	28%	23%
Telecom	46%	28%	26%
Utilities	46%	27%	27%
Public sector	44%	30%	26%
Manufacturing	42%	24%	34%
Life sciences	31%	34%	35%
Total	50%	26%	25%

Note: n=1,752; numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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