Online Grocery: Moving from Enough Capacity to the Right Capacity

After rapidly expanding their fulfilment infrastructure, many grocers now need to adapt it to evolving consumer preferences

New habit, new opportunity

With online grocery shopping becoming routine, incumbents have a great chance to replicate their brick-and-mortar strength in e-commerce

2-5+ years

acceleration in online grocery adoption internationally during the Covid-19 pandemic

80-90%

of the surge in online grocery penetration during the pandemic is likely to remain in most markets

40-80%

of online grocery shoppers in key global markets say it has become a regular habit

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50-70%

of online grocery shoppers say they buy from the same brand they use for in-store groceries



– But the incumbent advantage isn't set in stone

30–75% of regular online grocery shoppers use **more than one online grocery site**

Note: Regular online grocery shoppers defined as those who grocery shop online two or more times per month

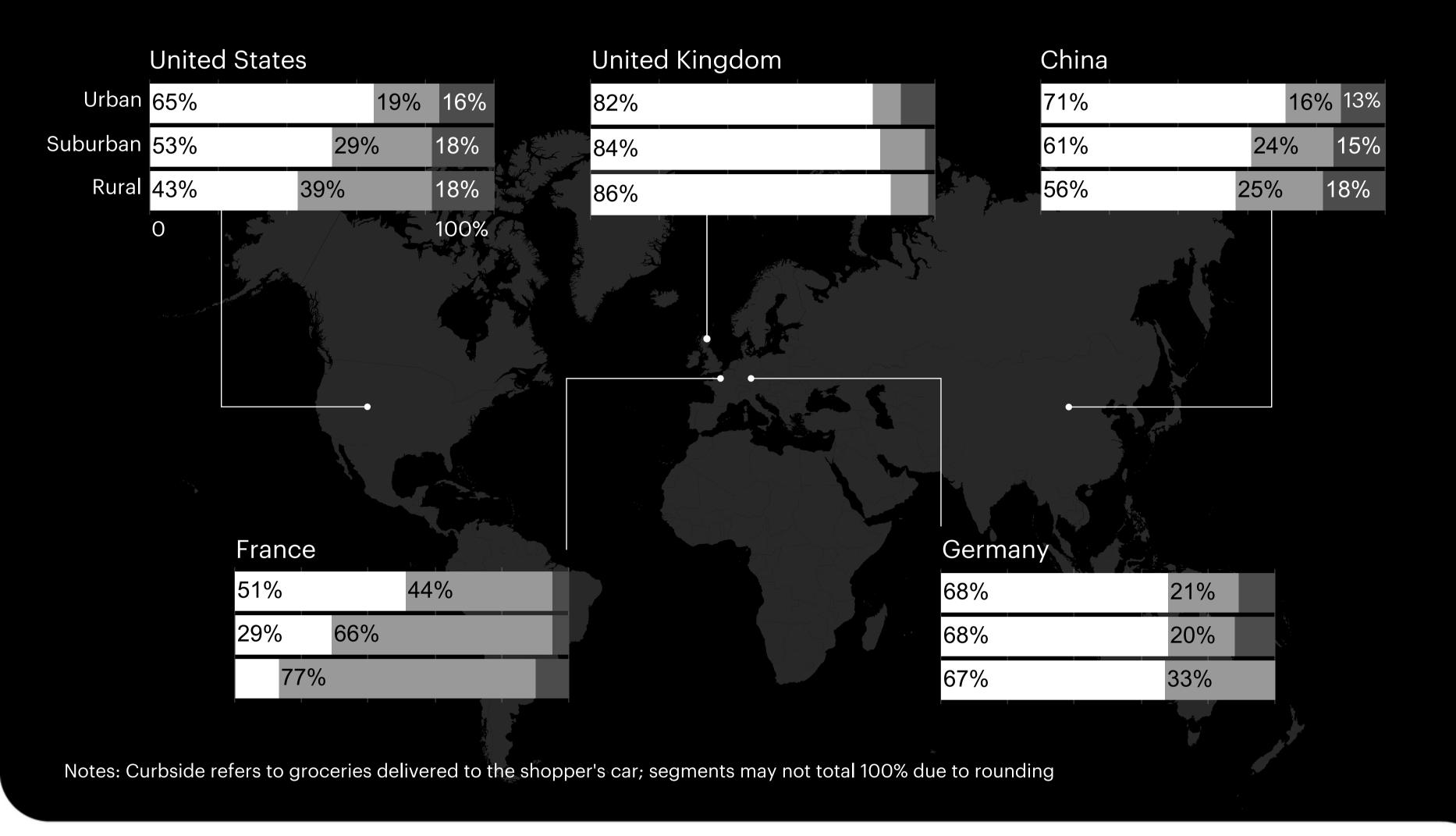
Retooling to meet shopper preferences

After adding fulfillment capacity amid Covid-19, grocers will need to

adapt their infrastructure to shopper preferences in different markets

Preferred online grocery fulfillment method, by location of shoppers surveyed

Home delivery Curbside In-store pickup

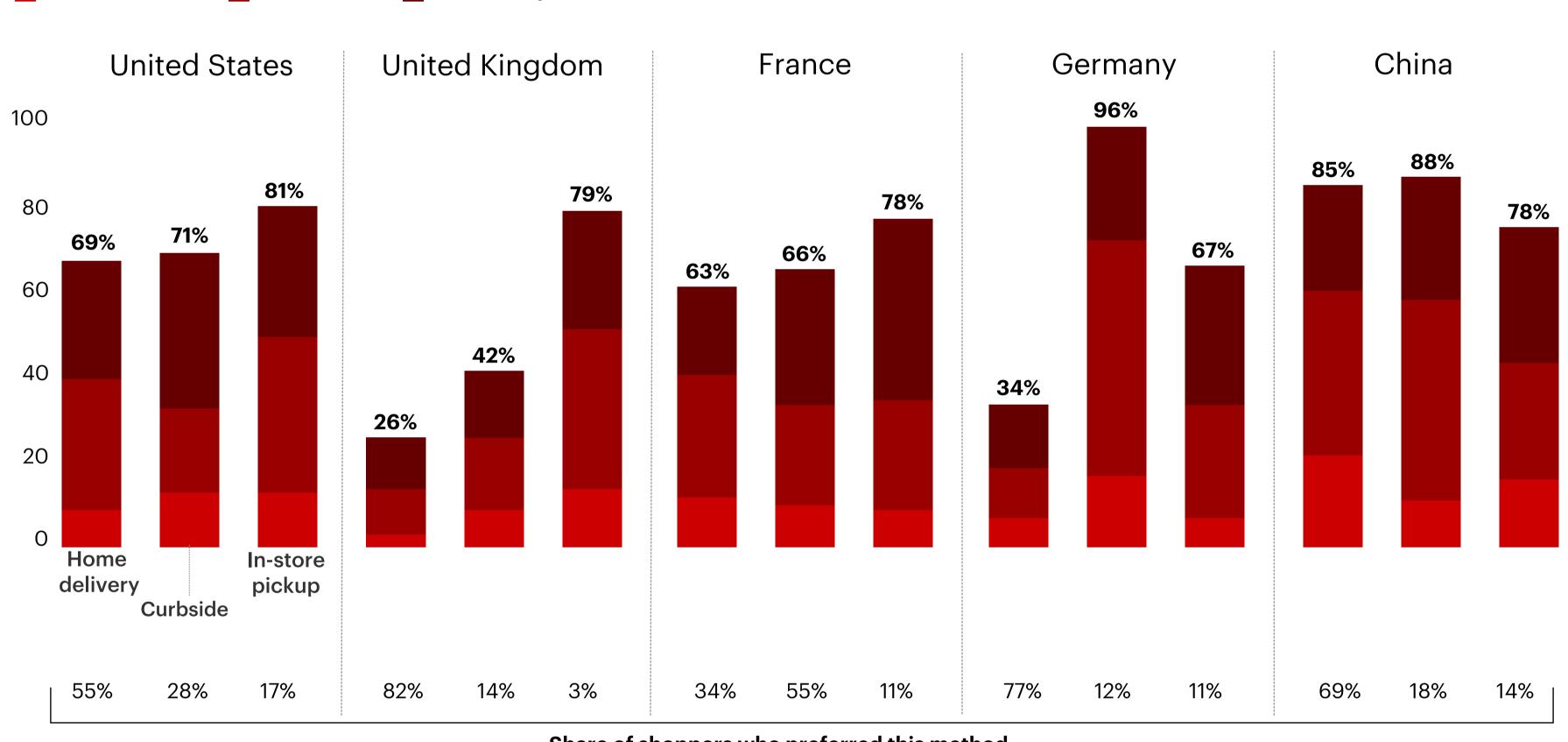


The need for greater speed

Grocers will need to adapt fulfillment networks to satisfy the growing expectations of faster delivery

Percentage of online grocery shoppers surveyed who prefer fast fulfillment methods

Same day



Share of shoppers who preferred this method (may not add up to 100% due to rounding)



<30 minutes

<2 hours</p>

Higher fees can ease the transition

Shoppers are willing to pay more to get groceries to their doorstep quicker

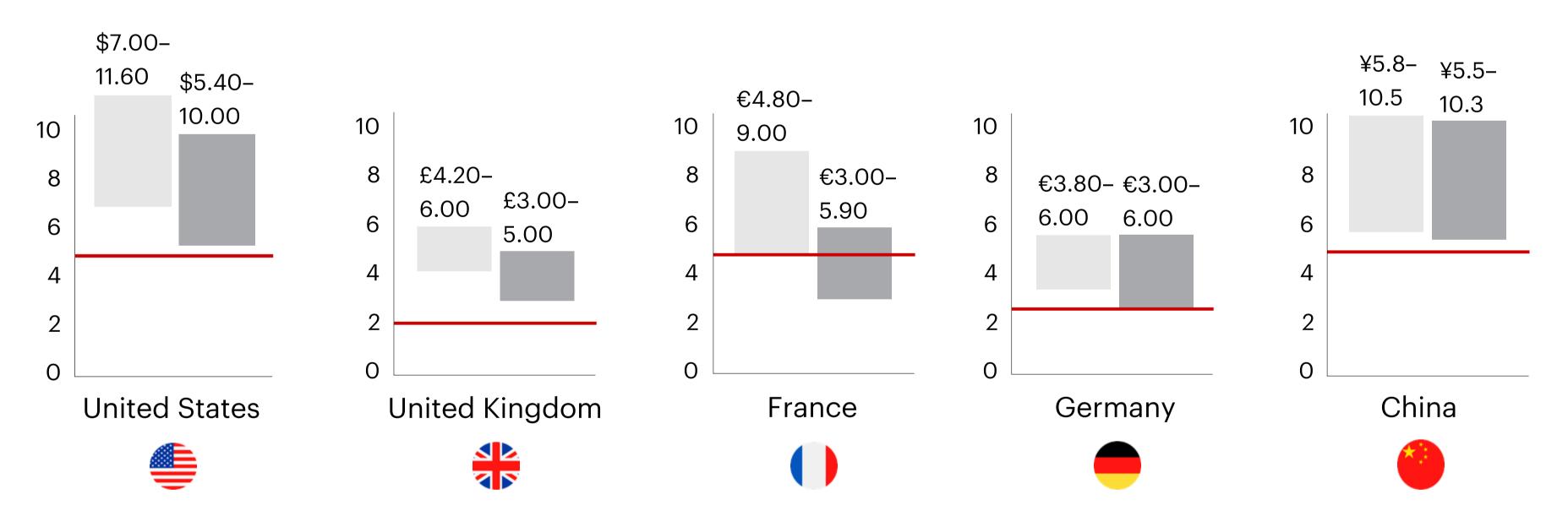
What online grocery shoppers say is an acceptable fee for home delivery at their preferred speed

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Same day ____

— Current median fee paid for home delivery overall

In local currency



Six strategic moves to get an edge in online grocery



Enhance the online value proposition

to win market share, meeting evolving customer needs and speeds



Deploy diversified fulfillment models to build a tailored, next-generation network, automating where possible and partnering as needed





Ruthlessly squeeze inefficiencies out of your current operations (picking, packing, and delivery)

> Improve basket economics through assortment and pricing optimization (fewer SKUs, private brands)





Identify additional revenue streams to make the channel profitable, such as monetizing digital assets and recouping costs from consumers

Stay Agile by testing and learning across the offering





Sources: Bain & Company modeling; Bain Covid-19 Consumer/Shopper Survey, powered by Dynata

