The Burning Platform

As a traditionally hardware-focused company, Samsung needed to better understand how to create (and sustain) generational brand loyalty, having already missed out as Gen Z primarily went for Apple. Before Generation Alpha (projected to be 24% of the world's population by 2024) stepped into its full power as consumers, Samsung needed a strategy to win.

I led a team of designers and strategists to help Samsung's global leadership understand what it would take to proactively earn Gen Alpha's loyalty, which necessitated having both a clear design direction and a compelling business case.

If 86% of Gen Alpha goes for Apple (like Gen Z), Android will continue to lose market share







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New Android





Outcomes

- Delivered a strategic narrative that helped Samsung's global C-suite reimagine brand loyalty for Gen Alpha, positioning the company to protect and potentially grow its 24% Android market share
- Secured buy-in to integrate insights into yearly planning cycles, ensuring alignment across product, marketing, and software teams
- Enabled the creation of a dedicated R&D team focused on Gen Alpha, setting the stage for products that increase lifetime customer value and ecosystem stickiness



Design the 1st Gen A inspired phone as a gateway to the Android ecosystem



Virtual First

- · Designed for the Metaverse from the beginning
- · Multi-dimensional UX for virtual worlds
- Embrace virtual tools for objects (NFT), money (crypto), health and content
- Inclusion of HW, Sensors, and Technology to drive virtual experiences



Relational AI-Driven

- · Conversational interface curates and navigates the world for Gen A
- · Human-like relationship with Gen A



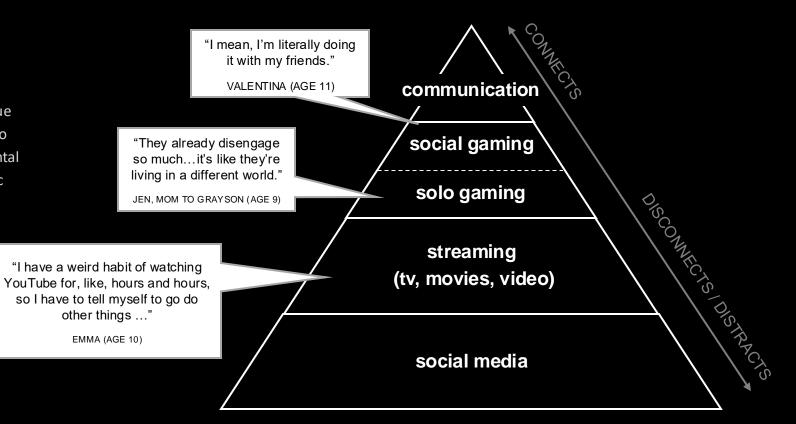
Privacy & Safety

- Leverage computational technologies to position Galaxy as the Safety & Privacy leader (partnering with NGOs in the space)
- Use AI to navigate challenges that are overwhelming for Gen A and parents

KEY INSIGHT

Screen Time Isn't Created Equal

Understanding how Gen Alpha families value screen time revealed a larger opportunity to center virtual connection and rethink parental controls, both of which guided our strategic recommendations



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Centering Virtual Connection

By centering Gen Alpha's preference for virtual connection, we identified a path for Samsung to create stickier ecosystems and reduce churn

Virtual Connection



From today's talk and text standard...

- Kids' communication apps are just mini-versions of adult ones
- Virtual communication isn't core to the OS the way talk and text are



To easy, centralized access to your favorite virtual worlds

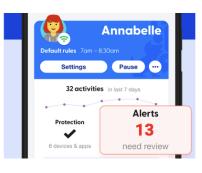
- Instead of limiting metaverse experiences to specific apps, make it easy to connect with people in virtual spaces anytime by reimagining the OS
- Move away from Yellow Pages-style lists to virtual worlds with avatars and online/offline indicators

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Rethinking Parental Control

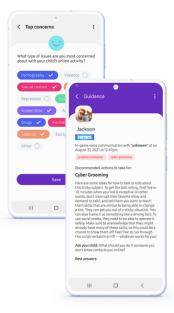
Reframing parental control as a tool for collaboration rather than restriction offers a solution that aligns better with Gen Alpha family values while positioning Samsung as a credible voice in what is currently a lawless, leaderless space

Parental Controls



From draconian, ineffective, and overwhelming

- Settings don't extend across apps or grow with the child
- Notifications and alerts don't help parents parent
- Not helping kids form healthy lifelong relationships or boundaries with technology



To adaptable, valuesbased, and focused on starting a conversation

- Leverage AI to help parents enforce their rules and live their values
- Include guidance for parents on how to navigate new topics in digital life