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The Global State of Affiliate Marketing

in 2025: SINGAPORE AT A GLANCE

How brands in Singapore are driving measurable growth through performance partnerships

Singapore marketers invest more deeply in

Affiliate Marketing

As acquisition costs rise, brands are reevaluating their growth strategies.
Affiliate marketing has evolved into a key performance engine: delivering ROI, efficiency, and long-term customer value.

Key stats:

42% of marketers allocate **21–30%**

of their total marketing budget to affiliate marketing.

Nearly **1 in 3 marketers** dedicate **over 30%**

of their marketing budget to affiliate marketing.

In 2026:

Trust in *affiliate performance* drives continued investment

Affiliate's proven ROI and resilience are fueling greater investment.

Brands in Singapore are leaning in, shifting from short-term testing to long-term strategy.

- **55%** of brands plan to slightly increase affiliate budgets.
- **25%** expect a significant increase in budget.
- **17%** expect no change
- Only **3%** plan to decrease.

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=100), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: *What is your brand's affiliate marketing budget strategy for the next year, considering your overall marketing strategy and the performance of your affiliate program?*

65% *of brands*

in Singapore report **stronger ROAS** from their affiliate programs this year versus one year, compared to other marketing channels they use.

75% *increased*

affiliate investments this year due to rising costs in other marketing channels.

Affiliate delivers *measurable returns*

The industry's confidence in affiliate marketing is clear. As brands face mounting pressure to optimise budgets and prove ROI, affiliate marketing continues to stand out as a reliable, performance-driven lever for long-term growth.

A reliable revenue driver

Affiliate marketing is no longer a nice-to-have, it's a core growth driver.

As affiliate leaders mature, they're moving beyond transactional partnerships into **strategic** (scored 4 or above) and **minimal** (scored 1 or below) relationships, favoring trusted and efficiency-based, **data-driven growth**.

48% of brands say their current partnership is **strategic** (scored 4 or above) and **minimal** from affiliate marketing.

21% report that their affiliate programme contributes to **zero (or less) than small revenue.**

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: What percentage of your company's revenue is generated from your affiliate programs?

How brands *measure success*

Marketers in Singapore are increasingly focused on proving tangible business results from their affiliate programmes.

Top affiliate success metrics:

Return on investment (ROI)	Return on ad spend (ROAS)	Customer engagement rate	Conversion rate
33%	**27%**	**27%**	**25%**

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: What metrics does your company use to measure affiliate partner success? Select all that apply
Note: Only top 4 responses shown

The modern *partnership model*

Affiliate partnerships are evolving for flexibility and shared value. As affiliate marketing matures, brands in Singapore are rethinking traditional one-size-fits-all compensation structures to reward performance more effectively and foster long-term collaboration.

Common compensation models used:

- **40%** Hybrid (flat fee + commission)
- **32%** Pay-per-click (PPC)
- **32%** Pay-per-sale (PPS)
- **28%** Performance bonuses

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: Which compensation models do you use for your affiliate partners? Select all that apply
Note: Only top 4 responses shown

Smarter attribution *for stronger performance*

Brands in Singapore are refining how they measure impact, shifting toward models that capture value across the entire customer journey rather than just last-click results. This also reflects a more nuanced approach to performance measurement, striking a balance between data precision and adaptability in a market where last year's playbook is already outdated.

The shift in attribution models:

What brands use vs what they plan to test

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: Which sales attribution models does your company currently use, and what alternative sales attribution models are you considering or experimenting with for the coming year? Select all that apply
Note: The 'mixed modeling' and 'data analysis' 'first application', 'Do not use' responses.

Challenges to scale

Even as partnerships evolve, brands still face familiar hurdles with their affiliate programmes.

The biggest challenges?

- **37%** of marketers reported "budget limitations" and "changing consumer behaviour"
- **25%** of marketers reported "data privacy", "partner recruitment", and "technical/tracking issues"

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: What are the 3 biggest challenges you experience with your affiliate marketing programmes?
Note: Only top responses mentioned

The booming creator economy in Singapore is driving investment

Creators are now full-funnel partners, delivering measurable performance and brand impact. Smart brands no longer see them as just top-of-funnel players but as key drivers of growth.

2026 budget allocation to *influencer* partnerships:

- **48%** plan to dedicate **25% - 50%** of their affiliate budget to influencer partnerships in the next year
- **12%** plan to dedicate **50%** or more of their affiliate budget to influencer partnerships

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: How important are influencers for your affiliate marketing strategy in the next year?

The next wave: *shared-value partnerships driving cross-audience growth*

Singapore's affiliate landscape is maturing, shifting from one-off, transactional deals to multi-layered partnerships that create shared value for brands and creators. The next wave of growth emphasizes synergy, collaboration and brand collaborations are driving the next wave of growth and engagement.

Current partner types and expected future growth:

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: What brands are you most currently working with in its affiliate programme? Select all that apply
Compared to your current affiliate program, which of the following partner types do you predict your brand will work with more frequently or dedicate more resources to in the future?
Note: Net change is calculated as the percentage change in percentage points (pp) between current and future partnerships.
Note: 'mobile' represents the percentage change in percentage points (pp) for preferred mobile collaborations, calculated as 0% of brands expecting to increase. 'In-Z' brands expecting to decrease.
Only top 5 responses shown

What drives *global affiliate success*

Brands expanding their affiliate programmes internationally focus on education, compliance, and communication.

Top strategies include:

- **48%** Providing affiliate training and resources on brand standards and local regulations
- **42%** Using technology to monitor affiliate content and compliance
- **33%** Establishing clear communication channels for international partners

Source: Singapore Marketer Survey (n=60), The State of Affiliate Marketing (2025)
Question: What specific strategies have you found most effective for ensuring programme success in these regions? Select all that apply
Note: 8 most common strategies shown

The *Takeaway*

Affiliate marketing in Singapore is no longer just a supporting channel, it's becoming a key growth engine for brands that want smarter, more measurable performance. As marketers double down on transparency and ROI, partnerships are proving their power to deliver both efficiency and impact.

With stronger returns, higher confidence, and deeper collaboration across creators, media, and commerce publishers, affiliate is shaping the next era of sustainable growth. The message is clear: partnerships aren't just performing, they're outperforming.

Source: *impact.com Global State of Affiliate Marketing Report (2025)*