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This report looks at the following areas:

- Advertising and marketing activity of FinTech brands.
- Consumer awareness and use of FinTech companies.
- How consumers research new financial providers.
- Trust in new providers across financial services.
- Interest in financial products from big tech companies.
- Attitudes towards FinTech companies.

A third of consumers think new financial providers offer better value for money than established providers, rising to half of 18-34 year olds. With younger people open to trying new brands and innovative products if they can offer competitive rates, there is real opportunity for FinTechs to expand.

The cost of living crisis is increasing consumer caution, with many preferring to stick with established providers. However, there will be a trade-off between caution and the need to find cost savings. For some consumers, the squeeze on household incomes will make them more open to trying new brands. Innovative products and Open Banking platforms in particular could expand, with people more willing to share their data for financial guidance and cost savings.

Digital challenger banks could pose an increasing threat to traditional high street banks. So far, digital banks have tended to be additional accounts for consumers. The continued closure of bank branches and declining footfall will see more people become comfortable with entirely digital service. With competitive rates, innovative features and better records on sustainability, digital banks can increase their market share.

There are strong opportunities for FinTech brands to disrupt financial markets that have been slow to change and traditionally struggled to engage younger consumers. The use of AI can help to speed up and improve insurance quotes, while app-based brands such as Lemonade can help simplify the process and



“The difficult economic environment has seen many FinTechs find it difficult to raise funding, with valuations falling. However, innovative new providers that can offer cost savings and advanced budgeting tools have an opportunity to grow, particularly amongst younger consumers keen for market disruption.”

– **Adrian Reynolds** –
Principal Analyst, Financial Services

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attract younger customers. Investment tools linked to digital banking apps can also help drive engagement amongst younger people.

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