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ADPList adplist.org /mentors /airene-tan With 12 years of experience in tech, brand strategy, and design leadership, I've spent the last 4 years focusing on UX research and design in fintech and beauty e-commerce.

I began my career by building design teams at ad-tech startups, delivering impactful brand experiences for clients like P&G and Adidas. Now, I lead UX design for two squads at Sephora, specializing in purchase intent, checkout, and payment. As the UX Research Lead, I oversee research operations that drive continuous discovery, ensuring insights from user research directly inform and shape the product roadmap.

A strong advocate for Diversity and Inclusion, I champion inclusive hiring at Sephora and volunteer with a support group for parents of neurodiverse children in my personal capacity.

## **Skill Sets**

Research operations, user research, UI design, design system, prototyping, usability testing, mentorship and people management.

# **Notable Projects**

# 2023 - Click & Collect (Sephora)

Led the design for Sephora's key initiative, Click & Collect, overseeing the entire omnichannel e-commerce user journey. Conducted user research, moderated and unmoderated usability testing to generate insights that inform design iterations. Collaborated closely with cross-functional teams across online and in-store channels to ensure a cohesive customer experience.

Tools used: Miro, LookBack, Figma, and Lyssna

# 2024 - Early Access (Sephora)

Spearheaded the user flow and design that provides users exclusive early access to upcoming beauty product launches. Optimized the experience for exploring product details, joining waitlists, and preordering new arrivals, resulting in increased sign-up and sign-in rates, as well as fostering partnerships with exclusive brand collaborators

Tools used: Miro, Figma, and Lyssna

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## 2024 - Research Operations (Sephora)

Managed UX research strategy and operations, overseeing the adoption of the Atomic Research Framework to build a centralized research repository, and established the Continuous Discovery Framework in 2024 to drive continuous user insights and iterative design.

Tools used: Confluence, Jira and Miro

# **Work Experience**

#### Assistant Manager, UX at Sephora Asia

2022 to present

Oversee the Purchase Intent and Sales Engine squads, managing initiatives across web and app platforms in 5 key markets, with a focus on purchase intent, checkout, and payment

Serve as Pillar Lead for user research and operations, driving the execution of research activities and optimization of research operations to support data-driven, strategic decision-making for the business.

## Key responsibilities:

- Prioritise work-process within squads to ensure smooth day-to-day project progress.
- Drive key initiatives that upscale research, such as Continuous Discovery and research repository

#### **UX Designer at Section Singapore**

2021 to 2022

Design web and app solutions for clients like OCBC Bank and StashAway. Served as a Senior Designer overseeing various initiatives under OCBC Digital Wealth and Online Banking products. Co-led UX research for StashAway's web revamp, driving business and branding transformation through data-driven, user-centric insights

## Key projects:

- Created personas, facilitate client workshops and user interviews for StashAway
- Overseeing the development of OCBC's design system for global web experiences on Figma



#### **Work Experience**

# Creative Director, Asia at Blis

2015 to 2020

Build the regional Creative Services team in JKT and SG, driving the execution of high impact campaigns for brands such as Adidas, Mentos and Ford in 5 key markets. Led client workshops for media agencies and create compelling pitches to Unilever, Colgate, and UIP.

### Key responsibilities:

- Translate business objectives to creative ad experiences across mobile platforms
- Oversee campaign development, resource allocation, budgets and deadlines
- Manage external vendors and CMP (Creative Management Platforms); responsible for budgeting and negotiation
- Direct all marketing initiatives for branding and corporate communications in Asia

#### **Awards**

<b>Best Media Solution on Mobile - 2nd Place</b> Marketing - The Spark Awards for Media Excellence	2015
<b>Best Mobile Campaign Launch - Bronze</b> Mob-Ex Awards Singapore	2014
Best In-app Advertising - Gold Mob-Ex Awards Singapore	2013
<b>Best Mobile Advertising Solution - Silver</b> Mob-Ex Awards Singapore	2013

#### **Software Proficiency**

Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects), Microsoft Office, Miro, Figma, Axure, Sketch, Invision, Zeplin, LookBack and Lyssna