



NEXUS VR HOLDINGS INC.

2026 LBEXR Reality Report

A source-verified operator view of location-based XR growth, demand, and viability.

Market Baseline

Broad LBE vs. True LBEXR

Before isolating the location-based XR segment, it is important to establish the broader location-based entertainment (LBE) market baseline using recent, reputable research sources.

Across major research houses, the global LBE market is consistently estimated in a \$6B–\$8B range for 2025–2026, with strong projected growth through the end of the decade:

- MarketsandMarkets: **\$5.47B (2024) → \$15.33B (2029), 22.9% CAGR [1]**
- Fortune Business Insights: **\$6.18B (2025) → \$31.71B (2034) [2]**
- Grand View Research: **\$7.39B (2025) → \$49.24B (2033), 26.2% CAGR [3]**
- Precedence Research: **\$7.52B (2025) → \$87.50B (2035) [4]**

These sources are indicative of the broader market envelope but not representative of LBEXR-specific economics and should be treated as broad LBE market estimates, not direct proxies for LBEXR.

Most include categories such as:

- arcades
- 4D theaters
- theme attractions
- escape rooms
- projection mapping
- family entertainment centers
- mixed-reality exhibits

As a result, true LBEXR remains a smaller but faster-evolving subset, driven by free-roam VR, group-based immersive attractions, premium multiplayer XR systems, and hybrid spatial experiences.

For the purpose of this report, broad LBE market figures are used only as the outer market envelope, while all operator and viability conclusions in later sections are based on current LBEXR-specific evidence.

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LBEXR Coverage Definition Framework

Category	Included in LBEXR core set	Tagged separately
Free-roam multiplayer VR venues	✓	
Premium group VR/XR attractions	✓	
XR systems sold into entertainment venues	✓	
Cultural / educational VR expedition venues	✓	
Home VR		▲
Pure enterprise training		▲
DOOH / adtech without venue deployment		▲
Broad LBE (arcades, FECs, theme attractions)		▲

Methodology Note:

This inclusion / exclusion matrix defines the report’s LBEXR coverage universe. It is report methodology rather than third-party market data. Categories marked “core set” are included in operator mapping, survival analysis, and market viability sections. Categories marked “tagged separately” are excluded from core operator benchmarking and unit economic analysis, comparisons and market-envelope assumptions.

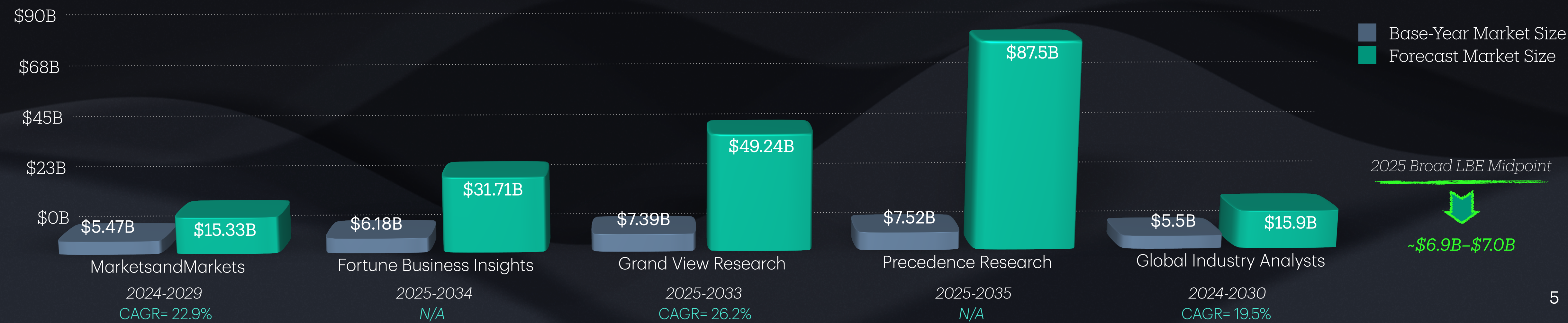
**Source segmentation informed by third-party market definitions and operator analysis [1-5]*

Broad LBE Market Envelope (2024–2035)

Third-Party Research Baseline Across Major Market Sources

Methodology Notes:
These figures represent the broader location-based entertainment market envelope and include multiple adjacent categories such as FECs, arcades, themed attractions, projection-based experiences, and immersive venue systems. Subsequent sections narrow this baseline into immersive LBVR and premium multiplayer LBEXR subsets.

Source	Start year	Start market size	End year	End market size	CAGR
<u>MarketsandMarkets</u>	2024	\$5.47B	2029	\$15.33B	22.9%
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<u>Global Industry Analysts</u>	2024	\$5.5B	2030	\$15.9B	19.5%



Source: Third-party research aggregation [1–5]; Nexus normalization

From Broad LBE to Premium Multiplayer LBEXR

Narrowing the Market Into the True Premium Operator Core

Premium multiplayer LBEXR represents a minority of LBE revenue but a disproportionate share of innovation and pricing power.



● 2025 Broad LBE Midpoint — \$7.0B

● 2025 Immersive LBVR Venue Subset — \$3.8B

- Grand View immersive location-based entertainment: \$3.696B
- Persistence LBVR entertainment: \$3.97B

Midpoint: \$3.8B

Nexus Modeled Estimates

● 2025 Premium Multiplayer LBEXR Core — \$1.5B

- Premium Multiplayer Venues
- Free-Roam Arenas
- Group-Based XR
- Shared Immersive Attraction Systems

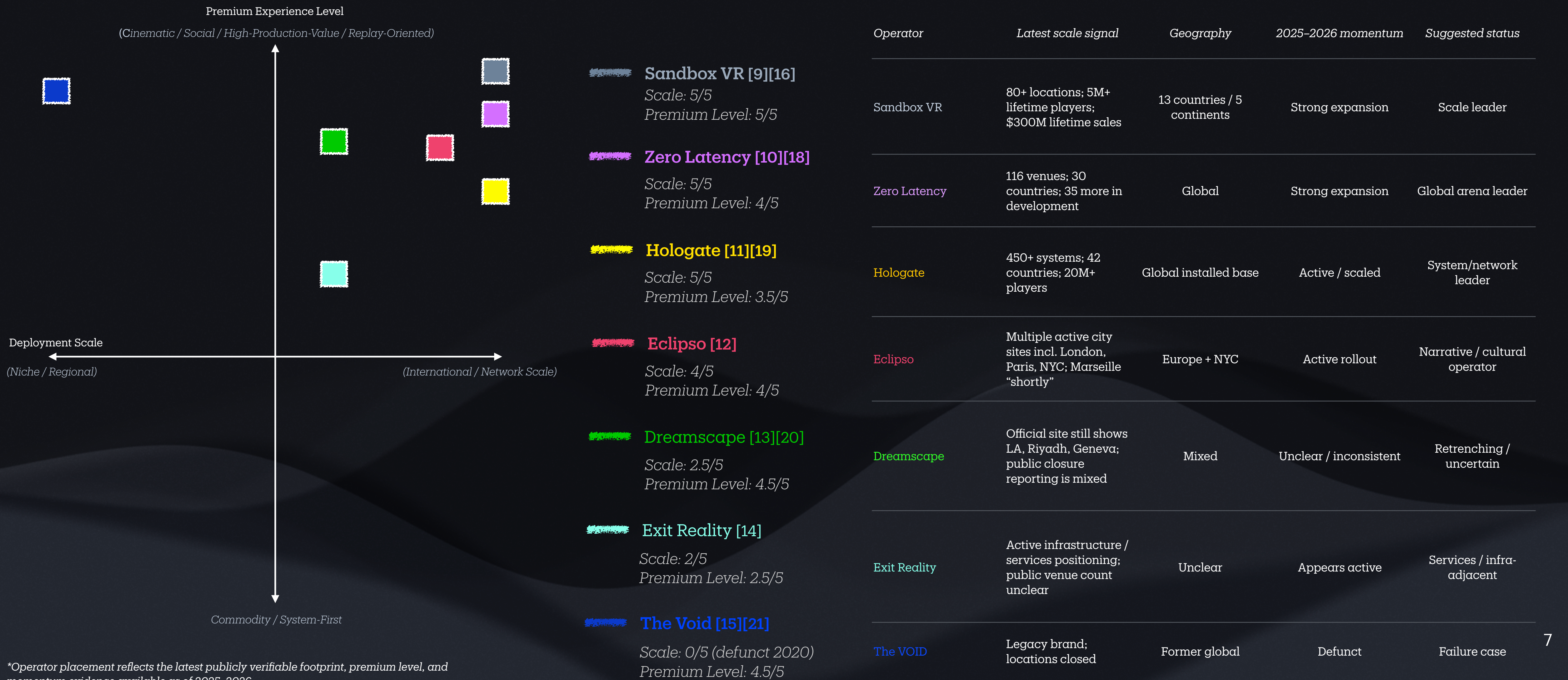
Modeled estimate based on operator segmentation, public VR arcade mix, and free-roam adoption trends.

35-45% of immersive LBVR based on public VR arcade application share and free-roam growth trends.

\$1.3B–\$1.7B = \$1.5B midpoint

2026 Premium LBEXR Operator Landscape

Who Controls the True Premium Venue Core



*Operator placement reflects the latest publicly verifiable footprint, premium level, and momentum evidence available as of 2025–2026.

Success Drivers

What Separates The Winners From The Pack

The Operating Variables Behind Durable Premium Venue Scale

Before benchmarking individual operators, it is necessary to define the five operating drivers that most consistently separate durable premium LBEXR venue models from one-time novelty attractions. This section establishes a standardized framework for comparison. The purpose here is not to repeat every company's full profile, but to identify the category-level mechanics that later operator pages will be scored against.

Return Demand Architecture

Definition

Return Demand Architecture measures the extent to which a venue systematically generates repeat visitation through product design, content cadence, and group-based behavioral loops.

Why it matters

In LBEXR, first-time demand can be generated through novelty, but long-term viability depends on the ability to convert initial visits into repeat sessions. Without structured return demand, operators are forced into continuous customer acquisition, increasing cost and limiting lifetime value.

High-performing operators embed return demand directly into the experience. Group-based gameplay creates social obligations that drive repeat participation across different friend groups. Content systems introduce new experiences over time, encouraging revisitation. Session-based formats enable progression, competition, and performance improvement across visits.

These mechanisms operate at the product level rather than through external marketing. Sandbox VR drives repeat demand through frequent IP refresh cycles and group rebooking behavior. Zero Latency benefits from multiplayer formats that support repeat play across different teams. Hologate enables low-friction repeat engagement through short-session arcade accessibility. In contrast, narrative-driven models such as Eclipso and Dreamscape rely more heavily on new content releases, resulting in lower repeat frequency.

The implication is economic. Return demand increases utilization, improves customer lifetime value, and reduces reliance on paid acquisition by turning each customer into a recurring revenue source.

High-performing venues typically target >30–50% repeat visitation (industry proxy).

**Based on observed operator content cadence, replay formats, and repeat visitation behavior [9–13]*

Key Measurable Signals

- Repeat visit rate and sessions per customer
- Content refresh frequency and new title cadence
- Share of revenue from returning customers
- Time between visits

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Durable operators are not selling one-time sessions. They are building systems where the next visit is structurally embedded in the product experience.

Throughput Economics

Definition

Throughput Economics measures how efficiently a venue converts physical space, labor, and time into monetizable sessions. In practice, this includes onboarding time, reset cycles, staffing requirements, session cadence, room utilization, booking density, and the percentage of operating hours that actually produce revenue.

Why it matters

LBEXR venues operate within fixed capacity constraints. Each room can only process a limited number of sessions per hour, and each session requires time, staffing, and reset cycles. This makes throughput the primary driver of revenue per hour, per room, and per square foot.

Even in high-demand environments, poor throughput results in lost revenue that cannot be recovered. Idle time between sessions, inefficient scheduling, and extended reset cycles reduce total session volume and increase labor cost per session. These inefficiencies directly compress margins and extend the payback period on capital investment.

High-performing operators treat throughput as a core design constraint. Structured session cadence, optimized staffing models, and high utilization rates allow venues to increase revenue without expanding physical footprint. This creates a compounding advantage, particularly in high-rent or high-demand locations.

Recent operator data reinforces this dynamic. Sandbox VR has reported approximately \$1.9 million in average annual revenue per corporate location, supported by structured scheduling and high advance booking rates [16][22]. Hologate achieves high throughput through shorter session cycles and standardized deployment across more than 450 systems globally. Zero Latency balances longer sessions with strong group utilization and consistent booking demand. [10][18]

Top-performing venues operate at >70–85% utilization during peak hours (industry proxy).

Key Measurable Signals

- Sessions per room per hour
- Utilization rate as a percentage of operating hours
- Revenue per square foot
- Session turnover time
- Labor cost per session

**Throughput benchmarks informed by operator disclosures and FEC industry standards [22–24]*

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Immersion drives demand. Throughput determines how much of that demand becomes revenue.

Premium Social Shareability

Definition

Premium Social Shareability measures the extent to which a venue systematically converts each session into visible social proof, group identity, and distributed post-visit content that extends demand beyond the venue.

Why It Matters

LBEXR remains a behaviorally unfamiliar category, where customers are more likely to convert when they can observe others engaging with the experience. As a result, shareability functions as a primary acquisition system, not a secondary marketing layer.

High-performing operators design shareability across three stages of the customer journey. Before the visit, visible group participation and user-generated content act as discovery and validation signals. During the experience, spectator visibility and multi-user interaction create real-time social signaling. After the visit, structured content distribution enables continued propagation across social channels. [26]

These systems are increasingly embedded at the product level. Sandbox VR distributes automated post-visit highlight videos optimized for sharing. Zero Latency benefits from spectator visibility and group-based bookings tied to events [25]. Hologate leverages open-floor arcade environments with constant exposure. Eclipso relies on visually distinctive environments designed for organic capture and distribution.

The implication is structural. Shareability reduces customer acquisition cost by converting each session into a multi-user distribution event, where participation, visibility, and content output drive incremental demand.

Key Measurable Signals

- Percentage of sessions generating shareable content
- Average participants per booking
- Volume of user-generated content per location
- Social engagement rates across platforms
- Ratio of organic to paid customer acquisition

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The most effective operators transform each session into a repeatable demand unit, where content output and group visibility function as embedded growth infrastructure.

Real Estate Conversion Environment

Definition

Real Estate Conversion Environment refers to the quality of a venue's physical location in converting leisure intent, tourism flow, and passive visibility into bookings. This includes district-level visibility, adjacency to traffic generators, mixed-use context, hotel and transit proximity, and the ability to capture group leisure demand.

Why It Matters

LBEXR does not create demand in isolation. It converts existing discretionary behavior into structured experiences. As a result, the surrounding environment directly determines conversion efficiency and acquisition cost in determining performance.

High-performing locations share common characteristics. They attract group-based leisure activity, maintain high dwell time, and support discretionary spending. These conditions reduce acquisition friction and increase conversion rates, particularly for first-time visitors.

In contrast, locations with limited leisure intent require significantly higher investment in awareness and demand generation. This increases customer acquisition cost and lengthens the time required to achieve stable utilization.

Industry data supports this pattern. Location-based entertainment growth is concentrated in theme parks, mixed-use retail environments, tourism corridors, and entertainment districts. For example, Greater Fort Lauderdale recorded approximately 20.9 million visitors in 2025 [28], while New York City saw approximately 65 million visitors in 2024 [29] with an estimated 79 billion dollars in economic impact. These environments already support group activity and discretionary spending, making them well suited for premium LBEXR conversion.[30]

Key Measurable Signals

- Walk-in conversion rate (percentage of passersby who book or enter)
- Booking lead time (average time between booking and session)
- Ratio of walk-in vs pre-booked sessions
- Session utilization rate by daypart (peak vs off-peak performance)
- Revenue per square foot (location-level monetization efficiency)
- Customer acquisition cost variance by location type (high-footfall vs destination-based)

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The strongest locations are not defined by traffic alone. They are defined by the presence of existing leisure intent that can be converted into structured demand.

First-Time Awareness Bridge

Definition

First-Time Awareness Bridge measures the extent to which a venue enables customers to emotionally understand and visualize the experience before booking, reducing cognitive friction in first-time conversion.

Why It Matters

LBEXR experiences are not inherently intuitive. Unlike traditional entertainment formats, customers cannot easily infer the experience from description alone. As a result, the primary barrier to conversion is not awareness, but understanding—specifically, whether a customer can imagine what the experience will feel like before participating. [32]

High-performing operators reduce this friction by translating abstract experiences into emotionally legible signals prior to booking. This is achieved through a combination of visual storytelling, social proof, and real-world visibility. Content showing real participants inside the experience allows prospective customers to map themselves into the environment. Spectator visibility and transparent venue design enable passersby to observe live sessions. Structured previews and media assets reinforce this understanding across digital channels.

These systems function as a pre-conversion layer that bridges the gap between exposure and action. Without this bridge, even high-quality experiences face conversion resistance, particularly in standalone venues without natural foot traffic.

Operators vary significantly in execution. Sandbox VR benefits from high volumes of real-player content and post-visit media that reinforce understanding across channels. Zero Latency leverages spectator visibility and group-based bookings to make the experience legible in physical environments. Eclipso operates at the high end of this spectrum, using visually distinctive environments and narrative framing to create immediate comprehension. In contrast, models with limited visibility or abstract positioning rely more heavily on explanation, increasing acquisition friction. [32]

The implication is structural. The ability to convert first-time users is directly linked to how effectively the experience can be understood before booking. Strong awareness bridges increase conversion rates, reduce reliance on paid acquisition, and expand the addressable audience beyond early adopters.

Key Measurable Signals

- Website-to-booking conversion rate
- Percentage of bookings completed without prior visit
- Volume of real-user content used in acquisition channels
- Engagement rates on preview and in-experience content
- Ratio of online bookings to walk-in discovery

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The most effective operators do not rely on explanation. They enable customers to see and feel the experience before they arrive, collapsing the gap between awareness and action.

**Consumer behavior and adoption barriers informed by experiential and VR research [31–32]*

The Five Drivers of Durable Premium Venue Scale

A Standardized Framework for Operator Benchmarking

Return Demand Architecture

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	No repeat drivers; one-time novelty	Limited Replay; occasional return	Moderate return via updates or group replay	Strong return system driven by content cadence,	System-driven repeat behavior with multi-visit LTV

Throughput Economics

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	Low utilization; high idle time and friction	Basic sessions; inconsistent throughput	Stable session flow; moderate utilization	High utilization with structured operations	Optimized throughput; high density and strong unit economics

Premium Social Shareability

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	Minimal visibility; no amplification	Occasional sharing; inconsistent output	Moderate sharing; visible group interaction	Consistent content output and group visibility	Embedded UGC systems driving organic demand

Real Estate Conversion Environment

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	Low-intent location; minimal visibility	Moderate traffic but weak alignment	Functional location; moderate conversion	Strong flow; consistent conversion	High-intent destination with embedded demand

First-Time Awareness Bridge

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	No pre-visit clarity	Basic explanation low emotional clarity	Moderate awareness via previews & media	Strong systems enabling pre-visit understanding	Immersive previews driving high conversion

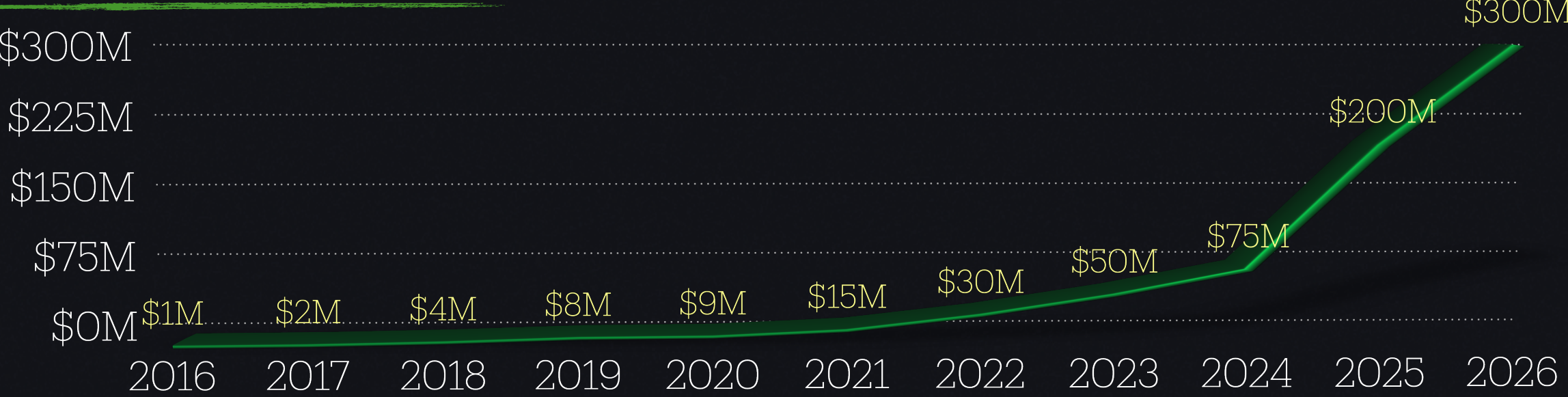
*Scoring reflects observable operator systems and performance benchmarks [9–13]

Sandbox VR

Category Leader in Premium Social LBEXR



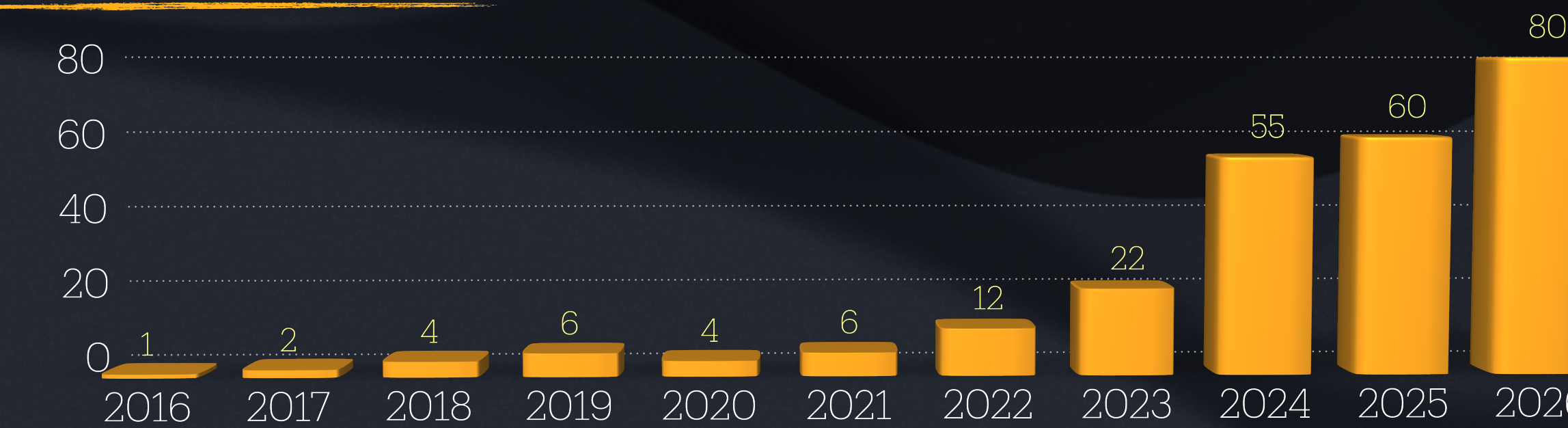
Cumulative Commercial Sales



Cumulative Player Visits



Global Venue Footprint



Metric [16][17]	Latest Publicly Verifiable Benchmark (2026)
Active locations	80+ live locations globally [9]
Geographic footprint	5 continents / 13 countries
Lifetime players	5M+ [9]
Lifetime sales	\$300M+ [9]
Venue model	Premium multiplayer free-roam arenas
Replay model	Strong IP refresh cadence
Standalone viability	Very high
Momentum	Expansion leader

Note:
2016–2023 values are modeled estimates derived from publicly disclosed 2024–2026 milestones, location footprint history, and post-franchise expansion trajectory. 2024–2026 figures reflect directly disclosed company milestones.

Sandbox VR

Operating Model

Core Model

Premium multiplayer free-roam VR experience designed for groups of up to six participants per session. Sessions are time-bound and structured, with cinematic content and full-body tracking. The model is built around shared physical space and synchronized group interaction.

Scale & Footprint (2025–2026) (Operator-reported)

- 80+ global locations
- Presence across North America, Asia, and Europe
- 5M+ lifetime players
- Continued expansion via franchise-led growth

The scale indicates a transition from early-stage concept to repeatable deployment model.

Demand & Conversion Indicators

- ~70%+ of bookings completed online (operator-reported)
- Group-based bookings dominate (friends, corporate, birthdays) (industry proxy)
- Repeat visitation driven by new content releases rather than replay of identical experiences (modeled estimate)

High pre-booking rates indicate strong pre-visit understanding and demand predictability.

Acquisition & Distribution System

- Automated post-visit highlight videos delivered to participants (observable system)
- Content optimized for mobile and social sharing
- Group-based format creates multiple distribution points per session
- Strong presence of user-generated content across social platforms (industry proxy)

This creates a built-in amplification loop where each session produces shareable media.

Driver	Score	Evidence Basis
Return Demand Architecture	5	Content release cadence, IP-driven return behavior
Throughput Economics	5	Structured scheduling, high revenue per location
Premium Social Shareability	5	Post-visit video system, strong UGC output
Real Estate Conversion Environment	4	Strong location strategy, not purely destination-driven
First-Time Awareness Bridge	4	High online booking rate, strong pre-visit clarity
Overall Weighted Score	4.7 / 5.0	

Unit Economics Signals (Operator-reported / modeled estimate)

- ~\$1.9M average annual revenue per corporate location (operator-reported)[22]
- Ticket pricing typically in the premium range (\$40–\$60 per session) (industry proxy)
- Structured session scheduling implies ~3–5 sessions per room per hour (modeled estimate)
- High booking density supported by advance reservations

These metrics suggest strong revenue density relative to footprint, driven by structured throughput.

Content & Product System

- Continuous release of new experiences, including licensed IP
- Multi-title library with seasonal and franchise-driven updates
- Content serves as primary return-demand driver rather than gameplay variability

Operational Model

- Fixed session cadence with controlled onboarding and reset cycles
- Staff-guided experience with consistent flow
- Designed to maximize utilization and minimize downtime between sessions

Sandbox VR — Operating Overview

Sandbox VR operates a premium, location-based virtual reality model centered on small-group, fully immersive experiences delivered within controlled room-scale environments. The format is designed for groups of up to six participants who move freely within a mapped space while interacting with each other in real time through full-body tracking. Unlike large arena formats, the experience is tightly contained, allowing for precise control over session flow, production quality, and customer throughput.

Sessions are structured with a fixed cadence that includes onboarding, gameplay, and reset cycles, typically lasting under thirty minutes end-to-end. This controlled timing enables a predictable scheduling system that maximizes room utilization and supports high booking density throughout operating hours. The experience itself is built around cinematic, story-driven content rather than open-ended gameplay, positioning each session as a premium entertainment product rather than a repeatable game loop.

From a scale perspective, Sandbox VR has established a global footprint of more than 80 locations, with continued expansion driven through a mix of corporate-owned and franchise-operated venues. The company has reported over five million cumulative players, indicating both sustained demand and successful replication of the model across markets. Unlike licensing-heavy systems, Sandbox maintains tighter control over the customer experience, which allows for consistency in pricing, content delivery, and brand positioning, but requires higher capital investment per location.

The economic model is defined by high revenue density per square foot, achieved through a combination of premium pricing and efficient throughput. Ticket prices typically range from approximately \$40 to \$60 per session, placing the experience at the upper end of the LBEXR pricing spectrum. Reported average annual revenue per corporate location is approximately \$1.9 million, reflecting strong alignment between demand and operational capacity. This performance is enabled by structured scheduling, high advance booking rates, and consistent utilization of available session slots.

Demand for Sandbox VR is driven primarily through group-based bookings, including friends, corporate events, and social occasions. A significant portion of bookings are completed online prior to arrival, indicating that customers are able to understand and commit to the experience before physically encountering it. Repeat visitation is driven not by replaying identical experiences, but by the introduction of new content. The company regularly releases new titles, often incorporating licensed intellectual property, which creates discrete reasons for customers to return and supports ongoing engagement.

The content system is therefore central to the operating model. Rather than relying on gameplay variability, Sandbox VR invests in high-production-value experiences that function similarly to episodic releases. This approach increases upfront content costs but allows those costs to be amortized across a large and growing player base. It also enables pricing power by positioning each experience as a premium event rather than a commodity activity.

Customer acquisition and demand generation are supported by both digital and in-venue systems. One of the most distinctive mechanisms is the automated delivery of personalized post-visit highlight videos, [25] which capture each group’s session and are distributed to participants shortly after completion. These videos are optimized for mobile viewing and social sharing, effectively turning each session into a multi-user content creation event. This system extends the experience beyond the venue and creates a scalable form of organic distribution through user-generated content.

Operationally, the model is designed for consistency and efficiency. Controlled room sizes, standardized equipment setups, and repeatable session structures reduce variability and allow for predictable staffing and scheduling. Reset times are optimized to minimize downtime between sessions, and staff roles are clearly defined to support onboarding and system operation. This results in a tightly managed environment where throughput and customer experience can be maintained at scale.

Sandbox VR

Driver-Level Analysis

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Overall Weighted Score	4.7 / 5.0	

Return Demand Architecture - Score : 5/5

Sandbox VR relies on content refresh rather than replay mechanics. New titles and IP partnerships create discrete reasons to return, increasing LTV and allowing content costs to be amortized across multiple visits.

Throughput Economics - Score : 5/5

The model is built around predictable session cadence and high utilization. Observed revenue per location indicates strong alignment between demand and capacity, suggesting efficient conversion of space and time into revenue.

Premium Social Shareability - Score : 5/5

The automated highlight video system is a key differentiator. Each session generates shareable content across multiple participants, effectively turning every booking into a distribution event. This reduces reliance on paid acquisition channels.

Real Estate Conversion Environment - Score : 4/5

Locations are typically placed in high-traffic retail and entertainment environments. While effective, the model still benefits from surrounding demand rather than functioning as a standalone destination in all cases.

First-Time Awareness Bridge - Score : 4/5

High online booking rates indicate effective pre-visit understanding. However, awareness is primarily driven through digital channels and social proof rather than immersive pre-experience systems.

Final Assessment: Sandbox VR - Score: 4.7/5

Sandbox VR represents the most advanced example of a premium, revenue-dense LBEXR operating model, combining structured throughput, content-driven demand generation, and scalable unit economics within a controlled venue format.

The model’s primary strength lies in its ability to convert limited physical space into high-value revenue streams. This is achieved through tightly managed session cadence, high utilization rates, and premium pricing supported by cinematic, high-production-value content. Reported average annual revenue of approximately \$1.9 million per corporate location indicates strong alignment between demand, pricing, and operational efficiency, positioning the company at the upper end of revenue density within the category.

Return demand is systematically engineered through a content-driven model rather than gameplay variability. Regular release of new experiences, including licensed intellectual property, creates discrete triggers for repeat visitation. This approach enables the company to expand customer lifetime value while amortizing content development costs across a growing global player base. In contrast to models that rely on replayability alone, Sandbox VR establishes a more predictable and monetizable return cycle.

Demand generation is further strengthened by embedded distribution systems. The automated delivery of personalized post-visit highlight videos transforms each session into a multi-user content creation event, generating user-driven amplification across social channels. This reduces reliance on paid acquisition and creates a scalable organic growth loop tied directly to participation volume. The high proportion of bookings completed online prior to arrival suggests that the company has also developed an effective pre-visit understanding of the product, reducing friction in the conversion process.

From a scalability perspective, the model balances control and expansion through a hybrid ownership structure. Corporate-owned locations enable operational standardization and performance benchmarking, while franchise expansion supports geographic growth. This structure allows Sandbox VR to maintain brand consistency and customer experience quality, though it introduces higher capital requirements compared to fully asset-light licensing models.

The primary constraints of the model are tied to capital intensity and content dependency. Each location requires significant upfront investment in buildout, equipment, and staffing, and sustained demand depends on continued investment in new content. While this creates a higher barrier to entry and supports premium positioning, it also requires disciplined execution to maintain return on invested capital across expansion.

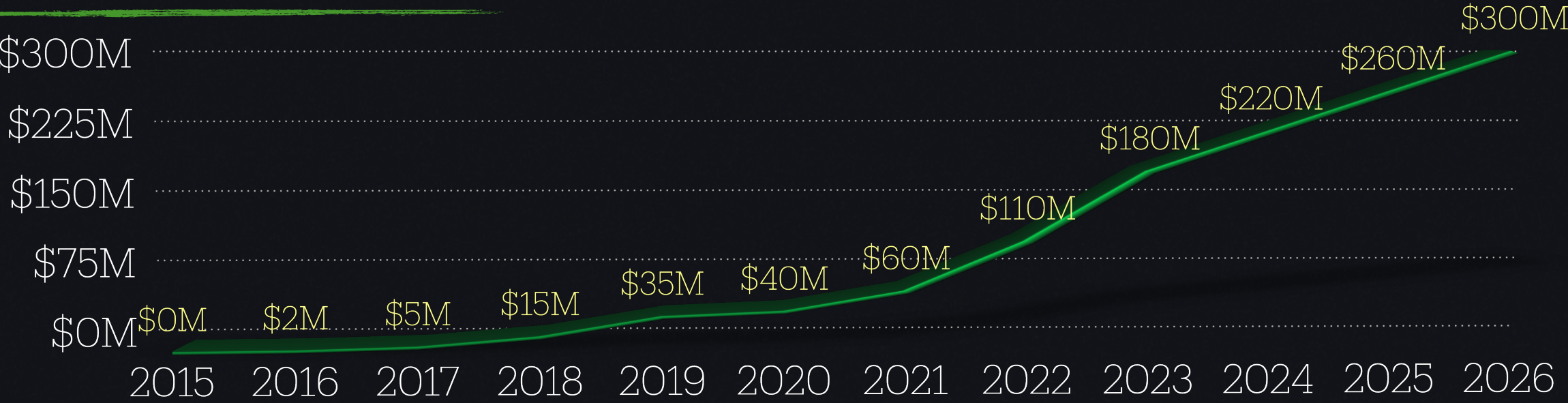
Overall, Sandbox VR demonstrates a model where revenue density, structured demand generation, and content-driven engagement combine to produce a scalable and economically viable premium LBEXR platform. Relative to other operators, it achieves stronger monetization per location and more systematic control over demand, making it the closest current example of a durable category leader.

Zero Latency

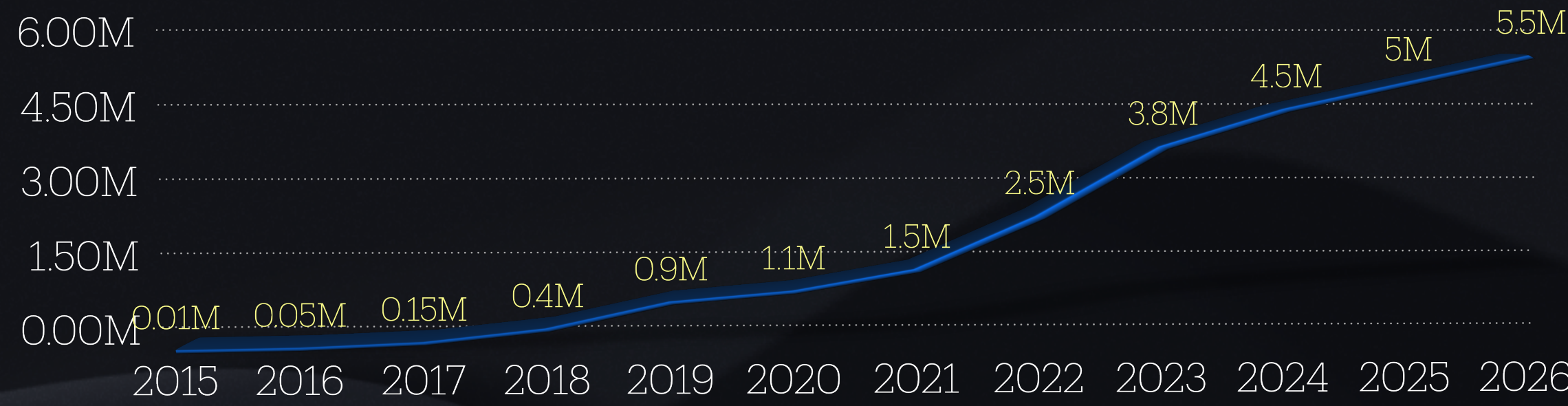
Global Arena- Scale Free- Roam LBEXR



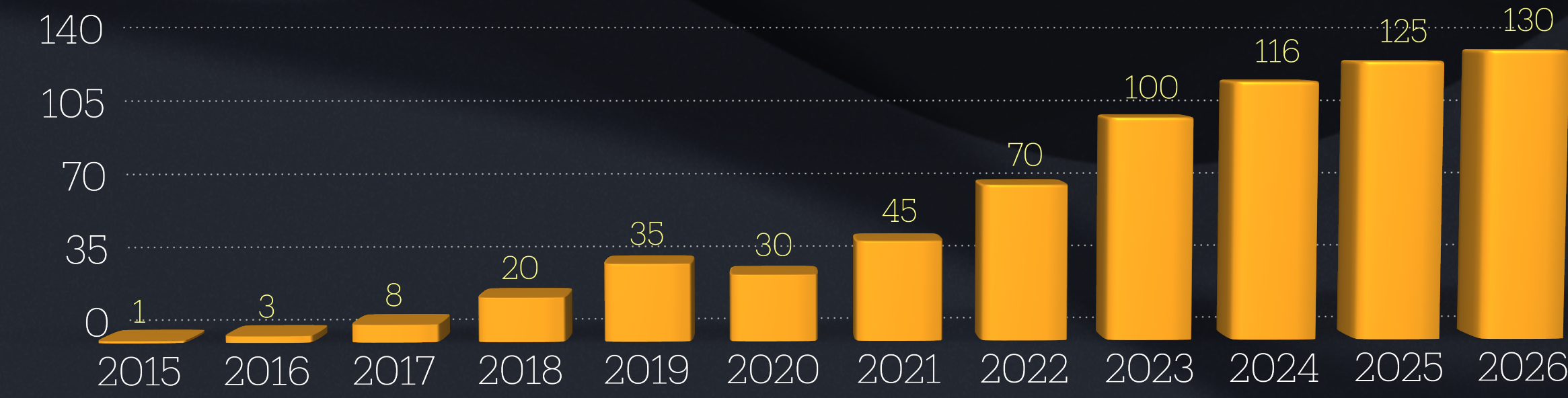
Cumulative Commercial Sales



Cumulative Player Visits



Global Venue Footprint



Metric	Latest Publicly Verifiable Benchmark (2026)
Active locations	130+ globally [10] [18]
Geographic footprint	30 countries
Lifetime players	5M+
Lifetime sales	\$300M+
Venue model	Large-scale free-roam multiplayer arenas [10]
Replay model	Gameplay variability + team-based replay
Standalone viability	Moderate (typically embedded in FEC / entertainment venues)
Momentum	Global expansion via partner-operated model

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Zero Latency

Operating Model

Core Model

Zero Latency operates a large-format free-roam VR arena model designed for simultaneous multiplayer participation within a shared physical space. Unlike pod-based systems, the experience is built around full-body movement across open arenas, with players navigating a mapped environment using untethered headsets and tracked equipment.

- Typical group size: 6–8 players (*industry proxy based on standard arena configurations*)
- Session structure: ~30 minutes including briefing, gameplay, and reset (*industry proxy*)
- Experience format: replayable game environments rather than linear narrative progression

The model is structurally optimized for group coordination and physical immersion, with gameplay variability emerging from player interaction rather than content refresh cycles.

Scale & Footprint (2025–2026) (Operator-reported)

- 130+ venues globally
- ~30 countries
- 5M+ cumulative players (*operator-reported milestone*)
- Predominantly partner-operated / licensed deployment model

This footprint reflects a capital-light scaling strategy, where growth is driven by third-party operators deploying standardized arena systems.

Unit Economics Signals (Operator-reported / modeled estimate)

- Ticket pricing: typically \$30–\$50 per session (*industry proxy*)
- Arena size: materially larger than pod-based formats, reducing sessions per square foot (*modeled estimate*)
- Session cadence: fewer sessions per hour compared to short-cycle systems (*modeled estimate*)
- Revenue generation model: driven by group size × session frequency × utilization rate

Revenue density is constrained by session duration and physical footprint, requiring strong booking consistency to maintain profitability.

Driver	Score	Evidence Basis
Return Demand Architecture	4	Gameplay variability + group replay
Throughput Economics	3	Lower session density, larger footprint
Premium Social Shareability	4	Spectator visibility + group energy
Real Estate Conversion Environment	4	Strong FEC integration
First-Time Awareness Bridge	3	Relies on physical visibility
Overall Weighted Score	3.6 / 5.0	

Demand & Conversion Indicators

Demand heavily concentrated in:

- group bookings
- corporate events
- social occasions (*industry proxy*)

Repeat visitation driven by:

- team variation
- gameplay outcomes rather than content refresh (*modeled estimate*)

Conversion dependent on:

- physical visibility
- venue context
- operator-level marketing execution

Content & Product System

- Continuous release of new experiences, including licensed IP
- Multi-title library with seasonal and franchise-driven updates
- Content serves as primary return-demand driver rather than gameplay variability

Operational Model

- Longer onboarding and reset cycles compared to compact systems (modeled estimate)
- Higher operational complexity due to:
 - large play areas
 - tracking calibration
 - safety supervision
- Utilization dependent on:
 - advance bookings
 - consistent group flow

Operational efficiency is therefore more sensitive to demand variability than shorter-cycle formats.

Zero Latency - Operating Overview

Zero Latency operates a large-format free-roam virtual reality arena model built around simultaneous multiplayer participation in a shared physical environment. Unlike pod-based or room-based systems, the experience is designed for full spatial movement, with players navigating mapped arenas using untethered headsets and tracked equipment. The format emphasizes coordinated group interaction and physical immersion rather than stationary or linear gameplay.

Sessions are typically structured at approximately thirty minutes including onboarding, gameplay, and reset cycles, with group sizes generally ranging between six and eight participants. The experience design is centered on replayable game environments rather than narrative progression, meaning variability is driven by player behavior, team dynamics, and performance rather than content refresh cycles. As a result, the core product is not a single experience but a repeatable gameplay system with emergent outcomes.

From a scaling perspective, Zero Latency has achieved one of the largest global footprints in the LBEXR category, with more than 130 venues across approximately 30 countries and over five million cumulative player visits. This expansion has been driven primarily through a partner-operated licensing model, where third-party venues deploy standardized arena systems. This approach significantly reduces capital intensity at the corporate level and allows for rapid geographic expansion, but shifts performance variability to the local operator level.

The economic structure of the model reflects its physical format. Ticket pricing typically falls within the \$30 to \$50 range per session, positioning the experience below premium narrative operators but above traditional arcade pricing. However, the large spatial requirements and longer session durations reduce the number of sessions that can be run per hour relative to compact or pod-based systems. Revenue generation is therefore a function of group size, session frequency, and utilization rates rather than high-frequency turnover. This creates a model where profitability is highly sensitive to booking consistency and demand stability.

Demand for Zero Latency experiences is predominantly occasion-driven. Group bookings, corporate events, and social gatherings represent a significant portion of usage, with repeat visitation driven by changes in team composition and gameplay outcomes rather than the introduction of new content. This contrasts with IP-driven models, where content refresh acts as the primary return trigger. In this case, demand is anchored in social dynamics and replay variability, which can sustain engagement but does not inherently expand pricing power.

The content system itself is structured around a library of replayable game environments, including cooperative and competitive formats. While new content is periodically introduced, the cadence is lower than operators that rely on cinematic or licensed IP releases. The design philosophy prioritizes mechanical replayability, allowing the same experience to produce different outcomes across sessions. This reduces ongoing content production requirements but limits the ability to drive demand through novelty.

Customer acquisition and demand generation are primarily driven by physical visibility and in-venue exposure. Large arenas, external displays, and visible player movement create strong spectator appeal, which functions as a real-time conversion mechanism for walk-in traffic. Word-of-mouth and group referrals play a central role in demand generation. However, there is limited evidence of standardized post-visit content distribution systems, such as automated highlight videos or structured social sharing infrastructure. As a result, demand generation remains locally driven and dependent on venue execution rather than centrally scalable digital amplification.

Operationally, the model is more complex than compact formats due to the size of the play space, the need for precise tracking calibration, and the coordination required for group gameplay. Onboarding and reset cycles are longer, and staffing requirements are higher to manage safety and system integrity. This increases operational overhead and introduces variability in throughput efficiency. Utilization rates become the primary driver of performance, making consistent booking flow essential to maintaining margins.

Acquisition & Distribution System

- Strong reliance on:
- in-venue spectator visibility (large arenas, external screens) (observable system)
 - word-of-mouth and group referrals (industry proxy)

- Limited evidence of:
- structured post-visit content distribution systems
 - standardized digital amplification loops (industry proxy)

This results in a locally driven demand model, where acquisition efficiency varies significantly by venue quality and location.

Zero Latency

Driver-Level Analysis

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Return Demand Architecture - Score: 4/5

Zero Latency’s return demand is generated through gameplay variability rather than structured content refresh. The same environment can produce different experiences depending on team composition, coordination, and player performance. This creates a durable replay loop anchored in social dynamics and emergent gameplay. However, the absence of a systematic content release cadence limits the ability to create predictable, monetizable return triggers at scale. The model sustains engagement but does not fully optimize lifetime value through structured demand cycles.

Throughput Economics - Score: 3/5

Throughput is constrained by the physical and operational characteristics of the model. Larger arenas, longer session durations, and extended onboarding cycles reduce the number of sessions that can be executed per hour. While higher group sizes increase per-session revenue, overall revenue density remains lower than compact or high-frequency formats. This results in a model where efficiency is not structurally optimized but can perform adequately under conditions of high utilization. Variability in booking consistency directly impacts profitability.

Premium Social Shareability - Score: 4/5

The experience generates strong in-venue social visibility due to large-scale physical movement and group interaction. Spectators can observe gameplay in real time, and the energy of group participation creates a compelling social signal. This supports organic word-of-mouth and local demand generation. However, the lack of standardized post-visit content systems limits the scalability of social amplification. The model performs well in physical environments but is less optimized for digital distribution and viral reach.

Real Estate Conversion Environment - Score: 4/5

Zero Latency integrates effectively into existing entertainment environments such as FECs, arcades, and mixed-use leisure destinations. These locations provide built-in demand and align with the group-based nature of the experience. The model benefits from adjacency to complementary activities and discretionary spending patterns. However, it is less proven as a standalone destination model and remains partially dependent on surrounding foot traffic and ecosystem dynamics for consistent conversion.

First-Time Awareness Bridge - Score: 3/5

High online booking rates indicate effective pre-visit understanding. However, awareness is primarily driven through digital channels and social proof rather than immersive pre-experience systems.

Final Assessment: Zero Latency - Score: 3.6

Zero Latency represents the clearest example of a format-driven, globally scalable free-roam LBEXR model, built around standardized arena deployment, multiplayer social gameplay, and partner-led footprint expansion. Its primary strategic advantage lies in its ability to replicate a recognizable, high-energy group experience across a large number of markets without relying on the same level of content intensity, premium buildout, or centralized operating control required by more revenue-dense venue formats.

The model scales through distribution efficiency rather than per-site economic density. By licensing a standardized free-roam arena format into partner-operated venues, Zero Latency has been able to achieve one of the broadest global footprints in the category. This makes it structurally well suited to rapid geographic expansion and broad category awareness. In that sense, Zero Latency functions less like a tightly controlled flagship operator and more like a repeatable arena platform that can be deployed across a wide range of entertainment environments.

Its demand engine is rooted in social gameplay dynamics rather than content-driven return behavior. The experience benefits from cooperative and competitive group formats, physical movement, and strong occasion-based demand, particularly in settings tied to birthdays, team outings, and other social events. This gives the model durable replay value at the format level, even without the same title-refresh cadence or IP-based return triggers seen in more premium content-led systems. That structure lowers content dependency, but it also constrains monetization upside because revisit behavior is driven more by group variability than by discrete new-release demand.

From an operating-economics perspective, Zero Latency’s principal tradeoff is clear. The arena format creates a compelling and socially legible experience, but it is inherently less efficient on a per-square-foot basis than tighter, higher-throughput room-scale systems. Larger physical footprints, longer session durations, and more operational complexity reduce total session density and make profitability more sensitive to consistent utilization. In practical terms, the model can scale widely, but each location carries lower revenue density and requires stronger booking consistency to produce attractive unit economics.

The model performs well in embedded entertainment environments where group leisure demand is already present. It is especially compatible with family entertainment centers, mixed-use leisure destinations, and other traffic-supported venues where the experience can benefit from surrounding demand rather than having to create it independently. This improves market fit and reduces customer acquisition pressure, but it also means the model is less proven as a high-performing standalone destination concept. Relative to premium venue leaders, Zero Latency appears more dependent on contextual demand and local operator execution.

Its acquisition system is strongest in physical environments and weaker in digital amplification. The format naturally produces strong spectator appeal and visible group excitement, both of which support walk-up interest and word-of-mouth. However, there is limited evidence of category-leading post-visit media systems, structured user-generated content loops, or centrally scaled awareness infrastructure that would materially lower customer acquisition cost across the network. As a result, its social strength is real, but it remains more venue-local than digitally leveraged.

Viewed through an investment or strategy lens, Zero Latency’s position in the market is highly defensible but distinct from premium revenue-dense leaders. It demonstrates that LBEXR can scale globally through standardization, licensing, and format accessibility, even when per-unit economics are less optimized. Its strategic value lies in its breadth, replicability, and group-play appeal. Its primary limitations lie in throughput efficiency, monetization per square foot, and the absence of stronger centrally controlled demand-generation systems.

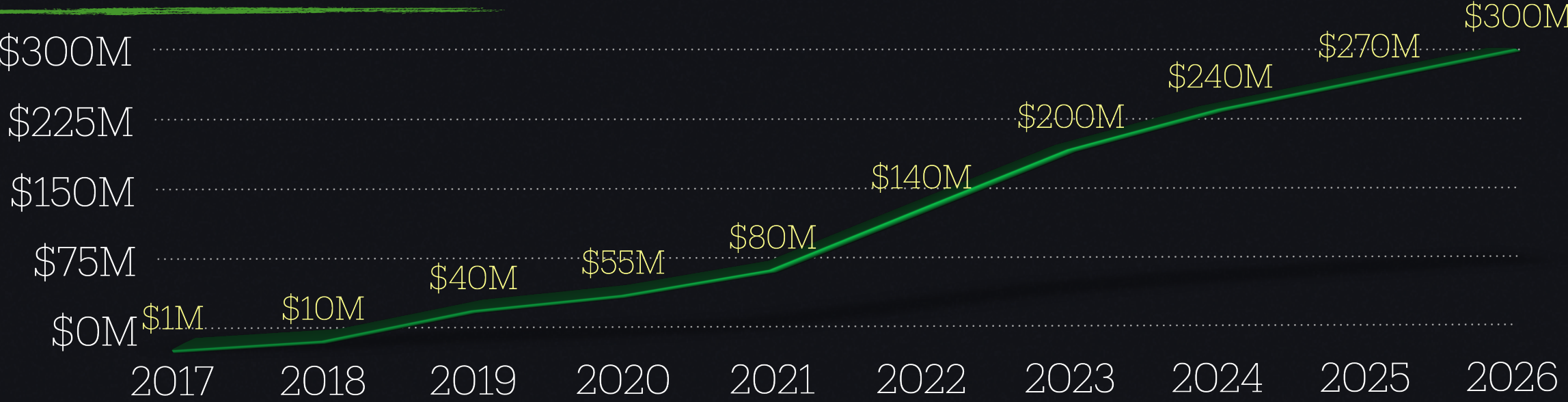
Overall, Zero Latency should be understood as a distribution-led scale winner rather than a premium economic leader. It has proven that free-roam multiplayer XR can travel internationally and sustain broad consumer appeal, but it does so through a model optimized for footprint expansion and social accessibility rather than maximum revenue density or premium content economics.

Hologate

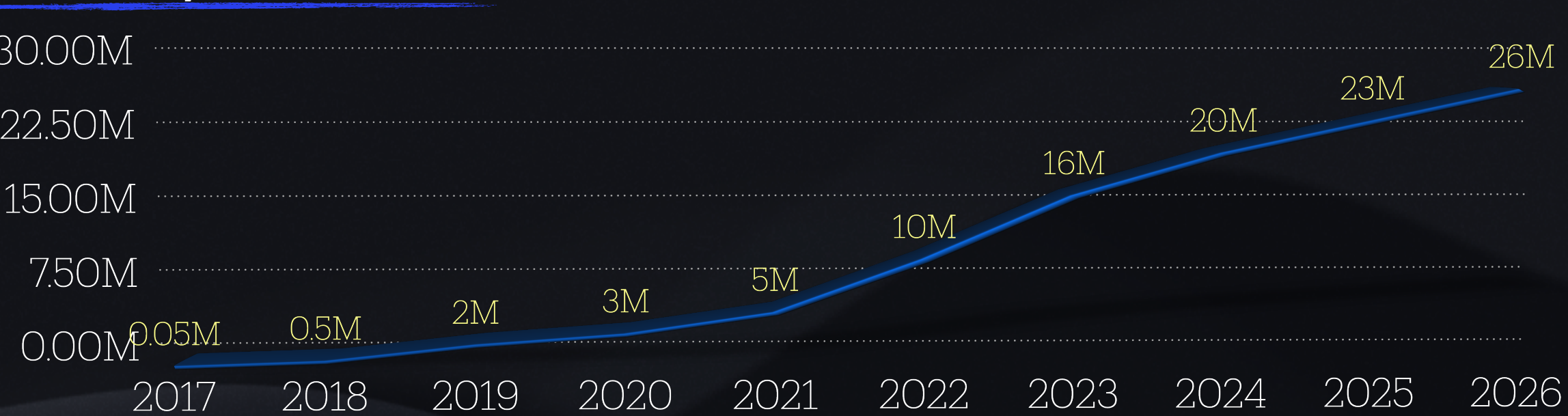
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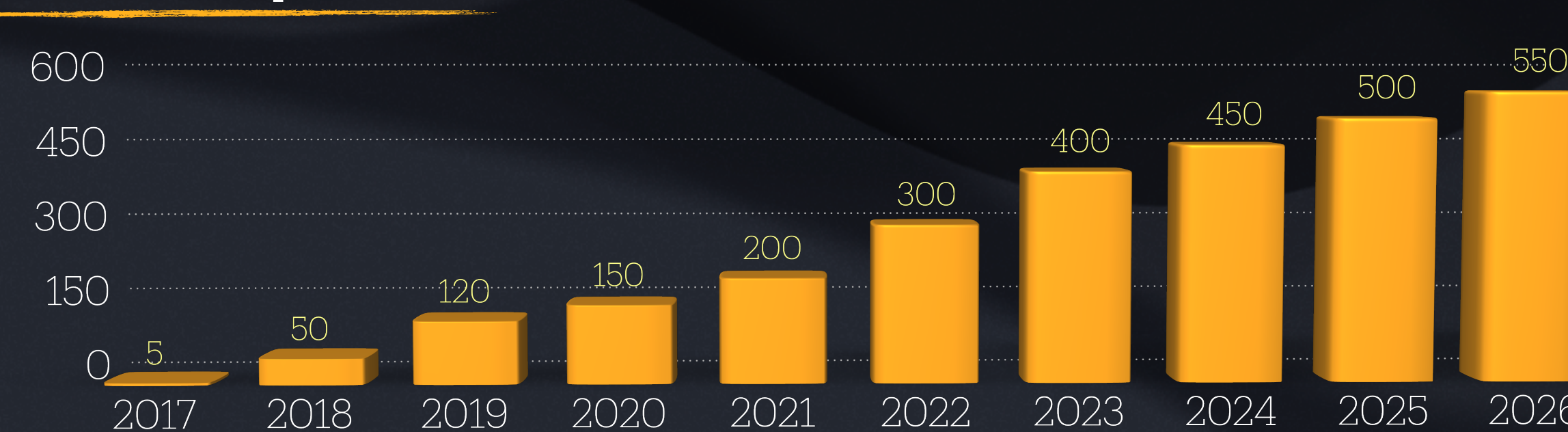
Cumulative Commercial Sales



Cumulative Player Visits



Global Venue Footprint



Metric	Latest Publicly Verifiable Benchmark (2026)
Active locations	450+ systems installed globally
Geographic footprint	42+ countries [19]
Lifetime players	20M+ cumulative players [19]
Lifetime sales	Not publicly disclosed Est. \$200M-\$300M equivalent system revenue + play volume (Modeled estimate based on install base + typical system pricing + utilization)
Venue model	Compact multiplayer XR systems deployed into third-party venues (FECs, arcades, attractions)
Replay model	High library breadth + short-session repeat play (arcade-style loop)
Standalone viability	Low as standalone; high when embedded in existing entertainment venues
Momentum	Scaled global install base; steady system expansion vs flagship venue growth

Note:
2016-2023 values are modeled estimates derived from publicly disclosed 2024-2026 milestones, location footprint history, and post-franchise expansion trajectory. 2024-2026 figures reflect directly disclosed company milestones.

Hologate

Operating Model

Core Model

Hologate operates a hardware + software XR system platform deployed into third-party entertainment venues. Unlike vertically integrated operators, Hologate does not primarily operate its own venues, but instead scales through system distribution across arcades, FECs, and entertainment centers. The system is typically installed in compact physical footprints and designed for high-frequency, short-duration multiplayer sessions.

Scale & Footprint (2025–2026) (Operator-reported)

- 450+ installed systems globally
- Presence across 40+ countries
- 20M+ cumulative player sessions
- Deployment concentrated in:
 - Family entertainment centers (FECs)
 - arcades
 - tourism-heavy entertainment venues

This represents the largest installed base in LBEXR, but not the highest revenue per location.

Demand & Conversion Indicators

Demand is driven primarily by:

- walk-in traffic
- impulse participation
- casual group play
- family entertainment usage

Conversion characteristics:

- low pre-booking dependency
- high reliance on physical presence
- minimal planning friction

Repeat behavior is driven by:

- short-session replay loops
- game variety
- low price point

Driver	Score	Evidence Basis
Return Demand Architecture	3	Library breadth + replay loops, limited structured return system
Throughput Economics	5	Short sessions, high cycle frequency, efficient footprint
Premium Social Shareability	3	Visible play, limited digital amplification
Real Estate Conversion Environment	5	Embedded in high-traffic venues, strong passive conversion
First-Time Awareness Bridge	4	Low friction + spectator visibility
Overall Weighted Score	4 / 5.0	

Unit Economics Signals

- System pricing (hardware + software): estimated \$60K–\$120K per unit (Industry proxy based on XR attraction systems)
- Session pricing: ~\$5–\$15 per play (Industry proxy consistent with arcade/FEC pricing tiers)
- Session duration: ~5–10 minutes (Observable across deployments)
- Sessions per hour: ~6–10 cycles per station (Modeled estimate based on cycle length)
- Revenue model:
 - high-frequency, low-ticket throughput
 - driven by foot traffic and repeat casual play

This results in:

- high utilization potential
- lower revenue per session
- moderate revenue per square foot (vs premium venues)

Content & Product System

- Large and continuously expanding game library
- Focus on:
 - competitive mini-games
 - casual multiplayer experiences
 - accessible gameplay mechanics

Content strategy prioritizes:

- breadth over depth
- replayability within short sessions
- minimal onboarding complexity

This reduces content production cost per title but limits premium positioning.

Operational Model

- Minimal staffing requirements relative to premium venues
- Standardized hardware deployment
- Short onboarding and reset cycles

Operational characteristics:

- high throughput capacity per square foot
- low complexity vs free-roam systems
- performance dependent on:
 - venue quality
 - traffic levels
 - operator execution

Hologate Overview

Hologate operates a fundamentally different model from premium venue-led LBEXR operators. Rather than building and controlling end-to-end customer experiences, the company functions as a global XR systems provider, enabling third-party venues to offer multiplayer virtual reality attractions within existing entertainment environments.

The core product is a compact, modular XR system designed for rapid deployment and high-frequency usage. These systems are typically installed in arcades, family entertainment centers, and tourism-driven venues, where they benefit from pre-existing foot traffic and established customer acquisition channels. This allows Hologate to scale globally with significantly lower capital intensity than operators that build full standalone venues.

From a scale perspective, Hologate has achieved the largest installed base in the category, with more than 450 systems deployed across over 40 countries and more than 20 million cumulative player sessions. This breadth reflects a distribution-led growth strategy, where expansion is driven by selling or licensing systems to local operators rather than directly managing consumer-facing locations.

The economic model is defined by high-frequency, low-ticket transactions. Sessions are short in duration, typically under ten minutes, allowing for a high number of cycles per hour. Pricing is positioned at an accessible level relative to premium LBEXR experiences, which broadens the addressable audience but limits per-session revenue. As a result, overall performance is highly dependent on consistent foot traffic and utilization rather than pricing power or advance booking density.

Demand generation is largely externalized to the host venue. Hologate systems rely on visibility within high-traffic environments, where customers encounter the experience organically and convert through impulse participation. While this reduces customer acquisition cost at the system level, it also limits the operator’s ability to build a centralized demand engine or scalable brand-driven conversion funnel.

The content model emphasizes breadth and accessibility rather than cinematic depth or narrative progression. A wide library of short-form multiplayer experiences supports repeat play within a single visit and across multiple visits, particularly in casual entertainment contexts. However, the absence of high-production-value content or IP-driven releases constrains the ability to generate strong return demand tied to new experiences.

Operationally, the model is highly efficient. Standardized hardware, minimal staffing requirements, and short session cycles enable strong throughput within small physical footprints. This creates favorable deployment economics for venue operators and supports rapid scaling across diverse markets.

Overall, Hologate represents a distribution-first scaling model, where growth is driven by system proliferation rather than per-location economic optimization. The model excels in accessibility, footprint expansion, and operational efficiency, but is structurally limited in revenue density, centralized demand generation, and premium experience positioning.

Acquisition & Distribution System

- arcade visibility
- impulse play
- foot-traffic conversion

Hologate

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Return Demand Architecture - Score: 3/5

Return demand is driven by session replay and content library breadth rather than structured content release cycles. While players can re-engage frequently due to low cost and short session duration, there is limited evidence of engineered multi-visit demand systems or monetizable content cadence. Lifetime value is driven by frequency, not progression.

Throughput Economics - Score: 5/5

Hologate represents one of the most efficient throughput models in LBEXR. Short session duration, minimal reset time, and compact system design enable high session density per hour and strong utilization potential. Revenue per session is lower, but operational efficiency is structurally optimized.

Premium Social Shareability - Score: 3/5

The experience generates visible participation within venues, but lacks structured amplification systems such as automated post-visit media or scalable UGC pipelines. Social impact is primarily local and observational rather than digitally distributed.

Real Estate Conversion Environment - Score: 5/5

The model is highly optimized for conversion within existing entertainment environments. By embedding within high-traffic venues, Hologate captures demand without requiring standalone destination performance. Conversion is driven by proximity and accessibility rather than destination intent.

First-Time Awareness Bridge - Score: 4/5

Low friction participation model reduces need for complex pre-visit understanding. Customers can observe and immediately engage. However, the model relies heavily on physical visibility rather than advanced pre-visit simulation or storytelling systems.

Final Assessment: Hologate — Score: 4.0 / 5.0

Hologate represents the most scaled example of a distribution-driven LBEXR model, built around standardized XR systems deployed across a global network of third-party entertainment venues. Its strategic position within the category is fundamentally different from vertically integrated operators. Rather than optimizing for revenue density at the venue level, Hologate prioritizes system proliferation, accessibility, and global footprint expansion.

The model's primary strength lies in its ability to convert a relatively simple, compact XR format into a highly repeatable deployment unit. With more than 450 systems installed across over 40 countries and more than 20 million cumulative player sessions, Hologate has achieved the broadest physical distribution of any operator in the LBEXR category. This scale is enabled by a capital-light approach in which growth is driven through system sales or revenue-sharing partnerships with local venue operators. As a result, the company can expand rapidly without the capital intensity, operational complexity, or site-level risk associated with building and operating premium standalone venues.

From an operating economics perspective, Hologate's model is optimized for throughput efficiency rather than per-session monetization. Short session durations, minimal onboarding complexity, and compact system footprints allow for a high number of sessions per hour relative to most LBEXR formats. This creates strong utilization potential and attractive deployment economics for host venues. However, the tradeoff is lower revenue per session and reduced pricing power compared to premium immersive operators. Revenue generation is therefore dependent on consistent foot traffic and high participation volume rather than advance booking density or premium positioning.

Return demand within the Hologate ecosystem is driven primarily by casual replay loops and content library breadth, rather than structured content release cycles or narrative progression. The model benefits from accessibility and repeatability within a single visit or across multiple visits, particularly in arcade and family entertainment contexts. However, the absence of engineered return-demand systems limits the ability to systematically increase customer lifetime value through discrete revisit triggers. As a result, engagement is durable but less predictable and less monetizable on a per-customer basis compared to content-driven models.

The acquisition and demand generation system is highly environment-dependent. Hologate relies on in-venue visibility, proximity to other attractions, and existing foot traffic to drive participation. This reduces the need for centralized marketing infrastructure and lowers customer acquisition cost at the system level. However, it also introduces variability in performance across locations and limits the development of a scalable, platform-level demand engine. Unlike operators that embed post-visit content distribution or digital amplification systems, Hologate's growth is primarily driven by physical presence rather than network effects.

From a real estate perspective, the model is exceptionally well aligned with embedded entertainment environments. It integrates efficiently into family entertainment centers, arcades, and tourism-heavy venues where leisure demand already exists. This allows the system to convert passive traffic into monetizable sessions with minimal friction. However, the model is not designed to function as a standalone destination and remains structurally dependent on surrounding demand ecosystems.

Viewed through an investment or strategy lens, Hologate should be understood as a category-defining infrastructure and distribution layer, rather than a premium experience operator. It demonstrates that LBEXR can scale globally through standardization, accessibility, and partner-led deployment. Its strength lies in reach, replicability, and operational efficiency. Its limitations are concentrated in revenue density, centralized demand generation, and long-term value capture per customer.

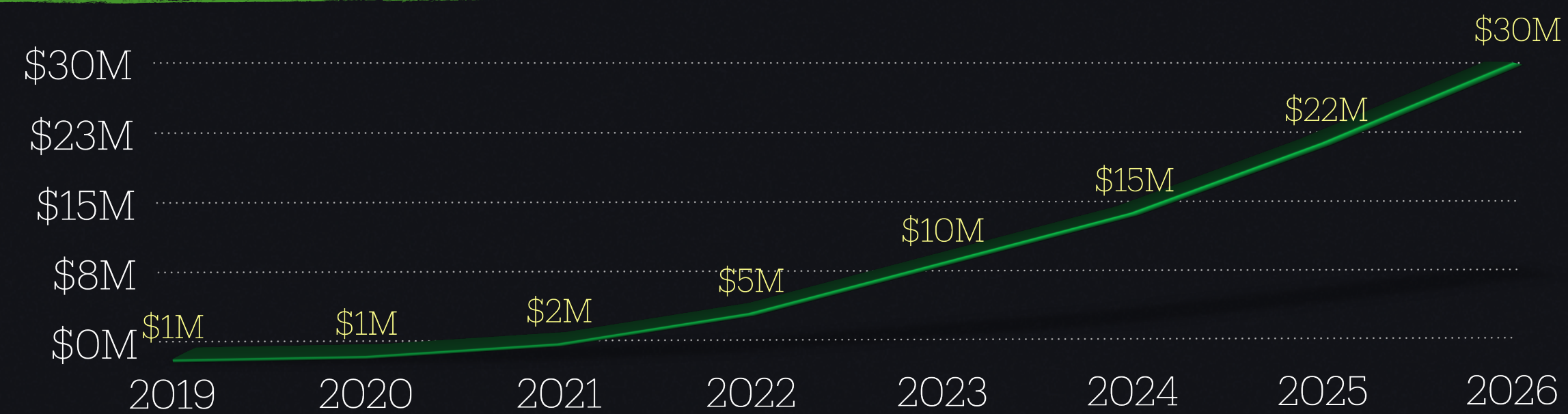
Overall, Hologate occupies a critical position within the LBEXR landscape as the system/network leader, enabling broad market penetration and category exposure. However, it does not currently capture the same level of economic value per location or per customer as premium, vertically integrated operators. Its long-term strategic upside is tied to its ability to evolve from a distributed system provider into a more integrated platform with stronger control over demand generation, content differentiation, and monetization layers.

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Narrative- Driven Immersive Venue Operator (Cultural / Exhibition Model)



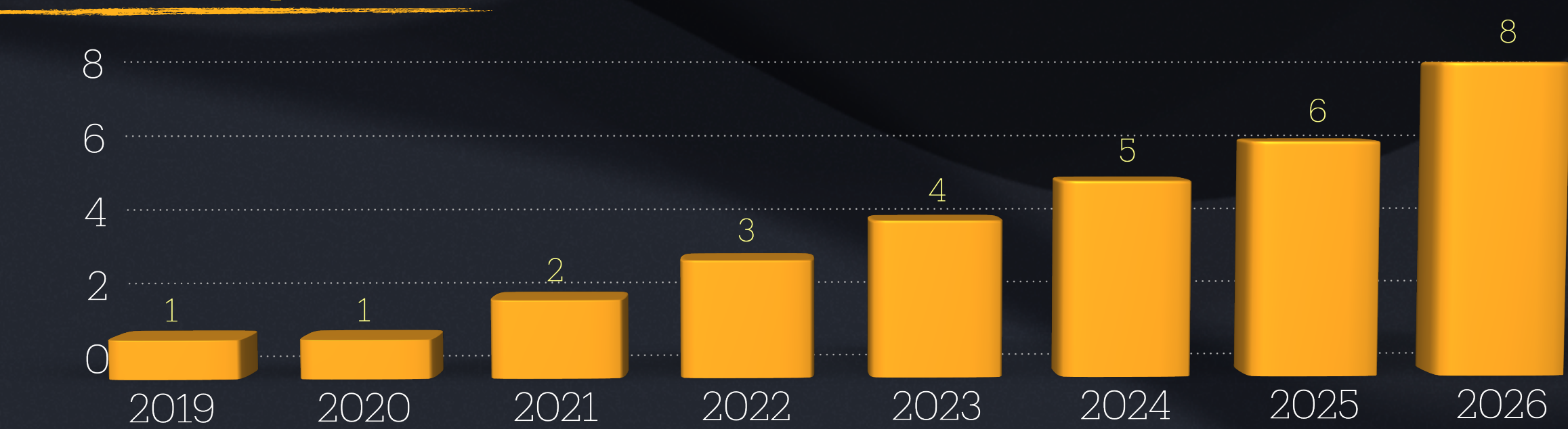
Cumulative Commercial Sales



Cumulative Player Visits



Global Venue Footprint



Metric	Latest Publicly Verifiable Benchmark (2026)
Active locations	London, Paris, New York City, Marseille [12]
Geographic footprint	Europe + United States (select flagship cities)
Lifetime players	Not publicly disclosed → Estimated 1M-3M cumulative visitors across all sites (Modeled estimate based on venue capacity + run durations + ticket volumes)
Lifetime sales	Not publicly disclosed → Estimated \$40M-\$100M cumulative revenue (Modeled estimate based on ticket pricing (\$25-\$45), attendance, and run cycles)
Venue model	Large-format immersive exhibition spaces (walkthrough / free-roam narrative environments)
Replay model	Low replay Demand driven by new content releases and exhibition turnover
Standalone viability	High (destination-based model)
Momentum	Active rollout across major cultural cities Project-based expansion cadence

Note: 2016-2023 values are modeled estimates derived from publicly disclosed 2024-2026 milestones, location footprint history, and post-franchise expansion trajectory. 2024-2026 figures reflect directly disclosed company milestones.

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Eclipso

Operating Model

Core Model

Eclipso operates large-scale immersive environments centered on narrative exploration rather than gameplay interaction. Visitors move freely through designed spaces that blend physical sets, projection mapping, sound design, and light-based storytelling.

The experience is not session-based in the traditional sense. Instead, it is time-window access, where visitors enter and explore at their own pace within a defined duration.

Driver	Score	Evidence Basis
Return Demand Architecture	2	Event-based, low replay
Throughput Economics	2	High dwell, low cycle density
Premium Social Shareability	5	Visual-first, social-native environments
Real Estate Conversion Environment	4	Destination model in major cities
First-Time Awareness Bridge	5	Strong pre-visit visual understanding
Overall Weighted Score	3.6 / 5.0	(Strong demand generation, weaker monetization efficiency)

Unit Economics Signals (Operator-reported / modeled estimate)

Ticket pricing
~\$25–\$45 per ticket
(Observed across immersive exhibitions and Eclipso equivalents)

Session structure

- 45–90 minute dwell time
- continuous flow rather than discrete sessions

Throughput characteristics

- Lower session turnover vs LBEXR
- Higher dwell time per visitor
- Revenue tied to:
 - capacity per hour
 - ticket pricing
 - total run duration

Revenue model
→ Exhibition-style revenue
→ dependent on attendance volume over time

Scale & Footprint (2025–2026)

- Multi-city deployment across:
 - London
 - Paris
 - New York City
- Expansion via city-by-city rollout model
- Each installation functions as:
 - a standalone destination
 - a limited-run cultural experience

This results in:
→ low footprint density
→ high individual venue scale

Content & Product System

- Each experience is:
 - narrative-driven
 - visually distinctive
 - designed as a “one-time event”

Content lifecycle:

- long development cycle
- high production cost
- limited replay value

Demand model:
→ event-based demand (new exhibit = new demand spike)

Demand & Conversion Indicators	Acquisition & Distribution System	Operational Model
Demand is driven by: • cultural curiosity • tourism traffic • social discovery • visual spectacle appeal Conversion characteristics: • strong reliance on: ◦ visual marketing assets ◦ press / PR ◦ social media exposure • high pre-booking behavior vs walk-in	Primary acquisition channels: • social media visuals • influencer amplification • press coverage • tourism channels Key mechanism: → highly photogenic environments drive organic reach Unlike Sandbox: • no automated post-visit system • but strong pre-visit visual pull	• Large physical footprint per installation • high capex per build • complex production + design requirements Operational complexity: • closer to: ◦ museum / exhibition ◦ theme park installation than to: • arcade • VR arena

Eclipso Operating Overview

Eclipso operates a narrative-driven immersive venue model that sits structurally adjacent to, rather than directly within, traditional LBEXR formats. Its experiences are designed as large-scale walkthrough environments that blend physical set design, projection mapping, and audiovisual storytelling to create culturally positioned, destination-based attractions.

Unlike session-based multiplayer XR operators, Eclipso does not optimize for throughput efficiency or repeat gameplay. Instead, its model is built around high-impact, single-visit experiences that attract demand through visual spectacle, narrative immersion, and cultural positioning. Visitors engage with the experience as an event rather than a repeatable activity, with dwell times typically extending significantly beyond standard XR session formats.

From a deployment perspective, the model scales through flagship installations in major urban markets rather than network density. Each location represents a significant capital investment and is designed to function as a standalone destination capable of attracting both local audiences and tourism-driven demand. This results in a lower total footprint compared to system-based operators, but higher individual venue significance.

The economic structure reflects exhibition-style dynamics. Revenue is generated through ticket sales over the lifecycle of an installation, with performance dependent on total attendance volume and sustained demand over time. While pricing is generally lower than premium LBEXR experiences, higher dwell time and broader audience accessibility support overall revenue generation. However, the absence of repeat visit cycles limits lifetime value per customer.

Demand generation is heavily front-loaded and driven by visual discovery and cultural relevance. Highly photogenic environments enable strong organic reach across social platforms, while press coverage and influencer engagement play a central role in initial awareness. This creates a model where demand spikes are tied to launch visibility and gradually decline unless refreshed by new content.

Operationally, the model is capital-intensive and production-heavy. Each installation requires significant investment in design, construction, and technical systems, as well as ongoing operational staffing. This introduces higher execution risk and longer development timelines compared to more modular XR systems.

Overall, Eclipso represents a narrative-first immersive operator, where success is driven by cultural positioning, visual impact, and destination appeal rather than throughput efficiency or replay-driven demand.

Eclipso

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Return Demand Architecture - Score: 2/5

Demand is primarily single-visit and tied to specific exhibitions. There is limited replay value, and return demand is driven almost entirely by new content launches rather than repeat engagement with existing experiences.

Throughput Economics - Score: 2/5

Long dwell times and non-session-based flow reduce total throughput efficiency. Revenue is constrained by capacity and attendance rather than optimized session density.

Premium Social Shareability - Score: 5/5

Eclipso is one of the strongest operators in visually driven shareability. Environments are designed for photographic capture, social distribution, and pre-visit attraction. Social media functions as a primary demand engine.

Real Estate Conversion Environment - Score: 4/5

Strong destination-based model in high-density urban markets. However, success depends on location quality and cultural traffic rather than embedded footfall conversion.

First-Time Awareness Bridge - Score: 5/5

Eclipso excels at closing the imagination gap through visual storytelling. Customers understand the experience before arrival via imagery and media exposure.

Final Assessment: Eclipso- Score: 3.6

Eclipso represents a narrative-driven, destination-based immersive model that prioritizes cultural relevance, visual spectacle, and pre-visit demand generation over throughput efficiency and repeat monetization. The model is structurally closer to immersive exhibitions and experiential art installations than to traditional LBEXR formats, and its performance dynamics reflect that distinction.

The core strength of the model lies in its ability to generate front-loaded demand through visual legibility and cultural positioning. Eclipso experiences are highly photogenic and conceptually intuitive, allowing potential visitors to understand the value proposition before entering the venue. This significantly reduces first-time adoption friction and creates strong top-of-funnel conversion, particularly in high-density urban and tourism-driven markets. In practice, this results in one of the most effective pre-visit awareness bridges in the category, where demand is driven by social media exposure, press coverage, and visual storytelling rather than by in-venue discovery or post-visit referral loops.

However, this strength is paired with a structurally constrained demand lifecycle. Eclipso's model is built around single-visit, event-based consumption, where each experience functions as a standalone attraction rather than a repeatable system. While this supports high initial attendance, it limits the ability to generate sustained repeat visitation without continuous content refresh. The absence of replay-driven engagement or multi-visit progression systems places pressure on the content pipeline, requiring new installations or significant updates to maintain demand over time. This creates a model where growth is tied to content turnover and geographic expansion, rather than to increasing customer lifetime value within existing locations.

From an operating economics perspective, the model is inherently throughput-constrained. Longer dwell times, free-roam exploration, and non-session-based flow reduce total visitor turnover per hour relative to structured XR formats. While ticket pricing can partially offset this, overall revenue density remains dependent on sustained attendance rather than optimized session cadence. As a result, profitability is sensitive to demand consistency, and performance can vary significantly based on location quality, tourism flows, and marketing effectiveness.

The capital structure of the model introduces additional constraints. Each installation requires substantial investment in design, buildout, and production, resulting in high upfront costs and longer payback periods. Unlike modular or system-based operators, Eclipso cannot easily replicate its format at low cost or scale rapidly across markets. Expansion therefore occurs on a flagship-by-flagship basis, limiting total footprint growth and increasing execution risk for each new location.

Demand generation is strong at the point of launch but less durable over time. The model benefits from high-impact initial visibility driven by social media and press, but lacks embedded mechanisms to sustain demand beyond the initial visitation cycle. While environments are inherently shareable, there is limited evidence of structured post-visit amplification systems, centralized content distribution pipelines, or data-driven re-engagement strategies. This results in a demand profile that peaks early and gradually declines without continuous intervention.

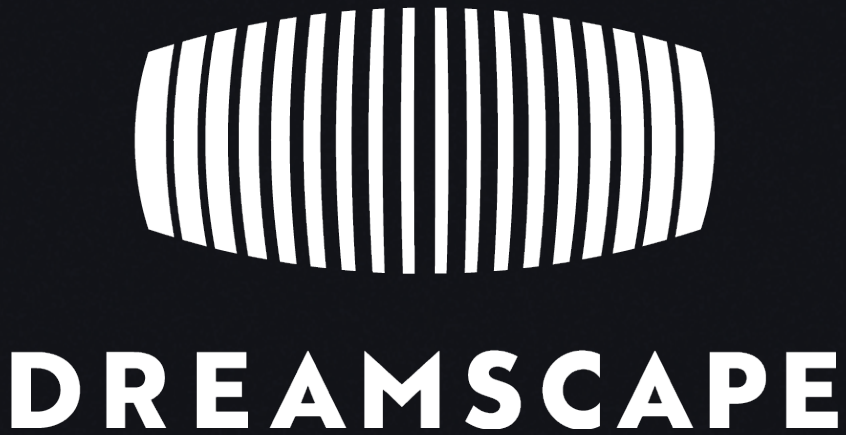
From a real estate perspective, Eclipso performs best as a destination anchor within high-traffic cultural or tourism environments. The model is capable of attracting intentional visitation, but it does not benefit from the same passive conversion dynamics as embedded or arcade-based systems. As such, location selection is critical, and underperformance in site choice can materially impact overall unit economics.

Viewed through an investment lens, Eclipso occupies a distinct position within the immersive landscape. It demonstrates that immersive experiences can function as cultural attractions with strong top-of-funnel demand generation, but it also highlights the structural limitations of models that lack repeat demand architecture and throughput efficiency. The model captures value through initial attendance and brand-driven visibility, but struggles to maximize revenue per visitor or sustain long-term utilization without continuous reinvestment in content.

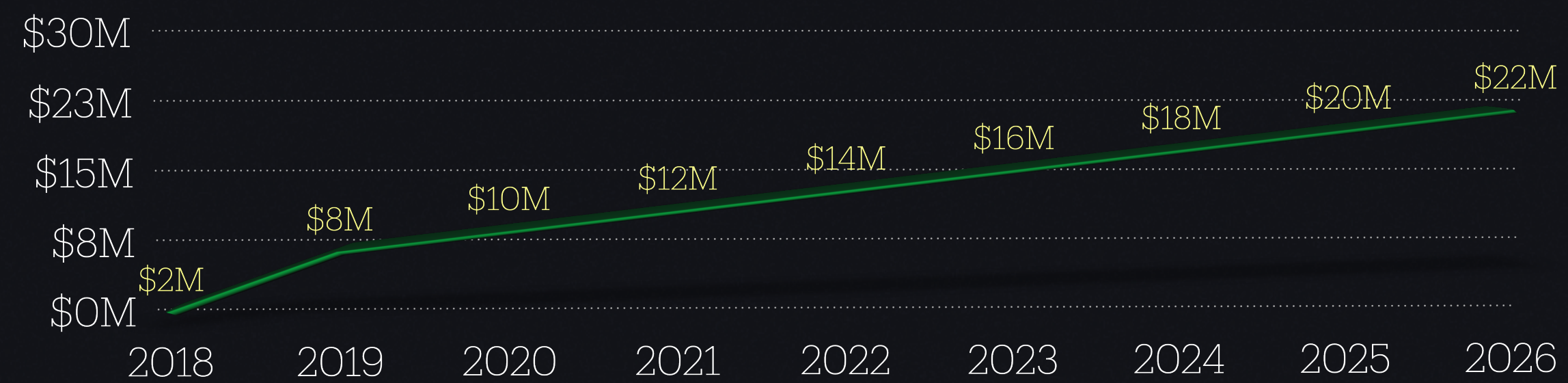
Overall, Eclipso should be understood as a demand-generation leader rather than an economic efficiency leader. Its strength lies in attracting audiences and making immersive experiences legible and desirable at scale. Its limitations are concentrated in repeat monetization, capital efficiency, and scalability across a network of locations.

Dreamscape

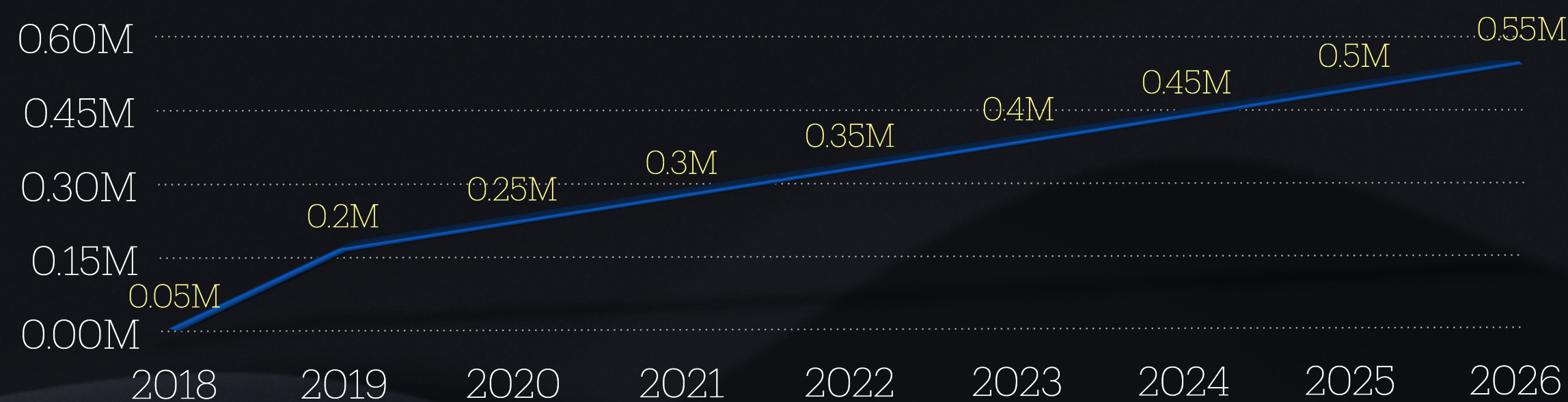
Cinematic VR Experience Pioneer



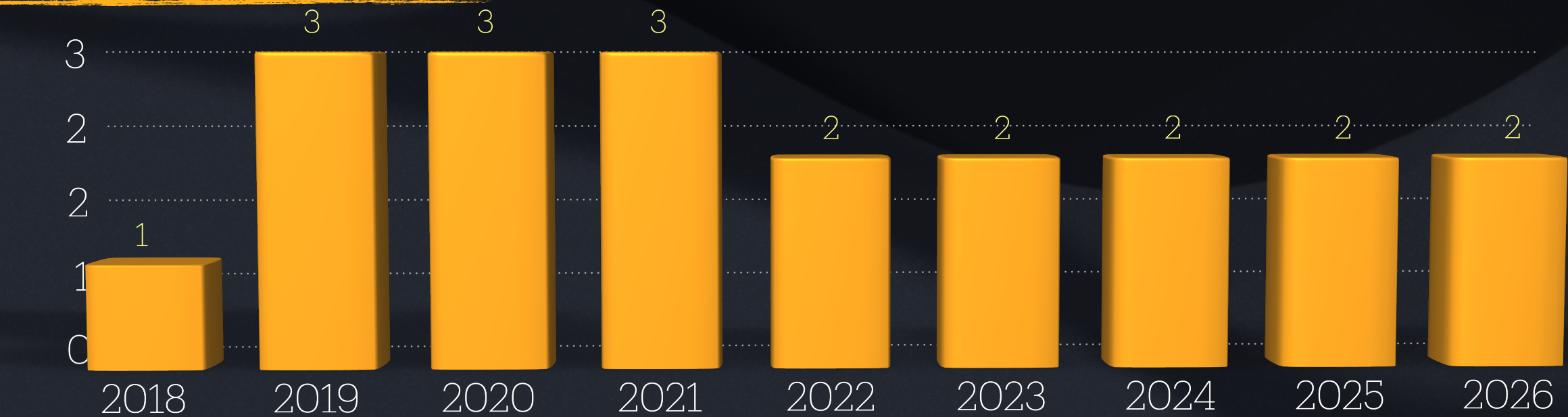
Cumulative Commercial Sales



Cumulative Player Visits



Global Venue Footprint



Metric	Latest Publicly Verifiable Benchmark (2026)
Active locations	Previously operated flagship venues including: Los Angeles Dallas, Riyadh, Geneva [13] Current status: mixed signals, closures reported in multiple markets
Geographic footprint	United States + Middle East + Europe
Lifetime players	Not publicly disclosed → Estimated 0.5M–1.5M cumulative visitors
Lifetime sales	Not publicly disclosed → Estimated \$20M–\$60M cumulative revenue
Venue model	Room-scale premium VR pods with cinematic storytelling environments
Replay model	Low (Driven by new content releases rather than repeat sessions)
Standalone viability	Moderate to high in theory Weak in practice due to demand constraints
Momentum	Declining / inconsistent [20]

Note:
2016–2023 values are modeled estimates derived from publicly disclosed 2024–2026 milestones, location footprint history, and post-franchise expansion trajectory. 2024–2026 figures reflect directly disclosed company milestones.

Dreamscape

Operating Model

Driver	Score	Evidence Basis
Return Demand Architecture	2	Content-limited repeat behavior
Throughput Economics	2	Low session density, high cost structure
Premium Social Shareability	3	Visual appeal, limited amplification
Real Estate Conversion Environment	3	Location-driven but not self-converting
First-Time Awareness Bridge	3	Requires explanation
Overall Weighted Score	2.6/ 5.0	Premium experience, weak scalability

Core Model

Dreamscape operated a premium immersive VR experience that combined room-scale tracking, physical set integration, and cinematic storytelling, often supported by partnerships with major Hollywood studios. The experience was intentionally designed to prioritize narrative immersion, emotional engagement, and high production value as its primary value drivers.

Within this framework, the product was positioned closer to a cinematic or theatrical experience than a traditional interactive or replay-driven system. As a result, design decisions consistently favored depth of immersion and storytelling quality over replayability and throughput efficiency. This tradeoff shaped both the customer experience and the underlying economics, reinforcing a model where each visit functioned as a high-impact, standalone event rather than a repeatable session within a high-frequency usage loop.

Scale & Footprint (2025–2026) (Operator-reported)

- Limited number of flagship venues globally
- Concentrated in high-end retail and entertainment locations
- Expansion never reached network scale

Key characteristic:

→ high per-location investment, low replication rate

Demand & Conversion Indicators

Demand was driven by:

- brand partnerships (e.g., studio IP)
- novelty of immersive storytelling
- location-driven foot traffic

Conversion characteristics:

- required explanation and marketing
- weaker spontaneous conversion vs arcade models

Unit Economics Signals

Ticket pricing
~\$20–\$30 per experience
(Operator-reported / comparable listings)

Session duration
~20–30 minutes total cycle

Group size
Small groups (typically 4–6 participants)

Throughput characteristics

- Moderate session cadence
- limited rooms per venue
- high reset + staffing requirements

Content & Product System

- High production value experiences
- studio-backed storytelling (Hollywood partnerships)
- limited content library

Content challenges:

- high cost per title
- slow release cadence
- low reuse efficiency

Demand model:

→ content-dependent but not content-scalable

Operational Model

- complex staffing requirements
- physical + digital integration
- high operational cost per session

Operational constraints:

- reset times
- equipment complexity
- training requirements

Acquisition & Distribution System

Primary channels:

- mall / retail location traffic
- brand partnerships
- PR and novelty

Weakness:

- no strong post-visit amplification system
- no scalable digital demand loop
- limited organic network effects

Dreamscape- Operating Overview

Dreamscape represents a premium, narrative-driven LBEXR model that sought to combine cinematic storytelling with location-based immersive technology. The company positioned itself at the intersection of entertainment, film, and virtual reality, leveraging partnerships with major studios to deliver high-production-value experiences.

The core product was designed as a guided, room-scale experience in which small groups moved through a virtual narrative environment enhanced by physical set elements and sensory effects. Unlike arcade or arena-based models, Dreamscape prioritized emotional immersion and storytelling over gameplay mechanics or repeatability.

From a strategic standpoint, the model aimed to capture value through premium positioning and differentiated content rather than operational efficiency. However, this introduced structural constraints. Each experience required significant upfront investment in production, and the limited content library reduced the frequency of return visits. Without a scalable content pipeline or frequent release cadence, demand became episodic and difficult to sustain.

The economic model further constrained scalability. While ticket pricing supported a premium positioning, the combination of small group sizes, limited room count, and longer session cycles reduced total throughput. This resulted in lower-than-required revenue density relative to the capital invested in each location. In practice, the model required consistently high demand to maintain utilization, which proved difficult to achieve across markets.

Demand generation relied heavily on location visibility, brand partnerships, and novelty appeal. However, the experience required explanation and did not benefit from the same intuitive understanding or spectator-driven conversion seen in other formats. This created friction in first-time adoption and increased reliance on marketing rather than organic demand loops.

Operationally, Dreamscape's model was complex and resource-intensive. The integration of physical environments with VR systems increased both setup and maintenance requirements, while staffing needs remained relatively high. These factors further compressed margins and reduced operational flexibility.

Overall, Dreamscape illustrates the challenges of attempting to scale a premium, content-intensive immersive model without corresponding throughput efficiency or demand-generation systems. While the experience itself was differentiated and high quality, the underlying economics and scalability dynamics limited its ability to expand sustainably.

Dreamscape

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Return Demand Architecture - Score: 2/5

Return demand is primarily tied to new content releases. Limited content library and high production costs reduce frequency of new experiences, resulting in weak repeat visitation.

Throughput Economics - Score: 2/5

Small group sizes, longer session times, and operational complexity constrain session density and revenue per hour.

Premium Social Shareability - Score: 3/5

Experiences are visually compelling but lack structured content capture or post-visit amplification systems.

Real Estate Conversion Environment - Score: 4/5

Located in high-end retail environments but dependent on active demand generation rather than passive conversion.

First-Time Awareness Bridge - Score: 3/5

Concept requires explanation; limited pre-visit understanding compared to visually intuitive formats.

Final Assessment: Dreamscape- Score: 2.6

Dreamscape represents one of the clearest examples of a premium, content-led immersive model that failed to translate experiential quality into scalable operating economics. The company's strategic ambition was to position location-based VR as a cinematic medium, combining high-production-value storytelling, physical set integration, and studio-backed intellectual property into a differentiated premium offering. While this positioning successfully elevated the perceived ceiling of immersive experiences, it also introduced structural constraints that limited both scalability and long-term economic viability.

At the core of the model was a content-dependent demand system. Unlike gameplay-driven or system-based operators, Dreamscape relied on a relatively small library of high-cost, narrative experiences to drive visitation. Each experience required meaningful upfront investment in development, design, and integration, while the cadence of new releases remained limited. This created a demand profile that was episodic rather than continuous. Once initial novelty and early visitation were exhausted, there were insufficient mechanisms to sustain repeat demand at the frequency required to support consistent utilization. As a result, customer lifetime value remained constrained despite the premium nature of the experience.

The model's throughput dynamics further compounded this issue. Dreamscape's experiences were designed for small groups, longer session cycles, and high-touch operational environments. While this supported immersion and quality, it reduced the number of monetizable sessions per hour relative to more efficient formats. In practice, this meant that even under favorable demand conditions, revenue generation per location was structurally capped. When paired with high capital expenditure and ongoing operational costs, the model struggled to achieve the level of revenue density required to justify expansion at scale.

From a demand generation perspective, Dreamscape lacked a scalable acquisition engine. The experience was not inherently self-explanatory and required customer education prior to booking. Unlike visually legible or spectator-driven formats, it did not benefit from strong passive conversion or intuitive understanding in high-footfall environments. Additionally, there was limited evidence of post-visit amplification systems or structured user-generated content loops that could extend the experience beyond the venue and reduce reliance on paid or location-based acquisition. Demand therefore remained dependent on marketing, partnerships, and novelty rather than embedded distribution mechanics.

The company's reliance on premium retail environments and flagship locations introduced additional friction. While these sites provided visibility and brand alignment, they also required consistent high-volume demand to support occupancy and justify rent structures. Without strong repeat demand or high-throughput conversion, these locations became increasingly difficult to sustain operationally. This dynamic highlights a broader structural misalignment between the experience format and the economic requirements of its real estate strategy.

Operational complexity also played a meaningful role in limiting scalability. The integration of physical sets, VR systems, and guided experiences increased both staffing requirements and maintenance overhead. Reset cycles, onboarding processes, and technical dependencies introduced variability into the operating model, reducing flexibility and increasing cost per session. These factors further compressed margins and made replication across markets more difficult.

Taken together, Dreamscape illustrates a critical failure mode within the LBEXR category. The model successfully demonstrated that premium immersive experiences can deliver high-quality, emotionally engaging content, but it also showed that production value alone is insufficient to support scalable venue economics. Without alignment between content strategy, throughput efficiency, demand generation systems, and real estate positioning, even highly differentiated experiences can struggle to achieve sustainable growth.

From an investment and strategic perspective, Dreamscape should be understood as a proof-of-concept for the upper bound of experiential quality, but also as a cautionary example of the risks associated with content-heavy, throughput-constrained models. Its long-term impact on the category is not in its scalability, but in the benchmark it set for what immersive experiences can be at their highest level of execution.

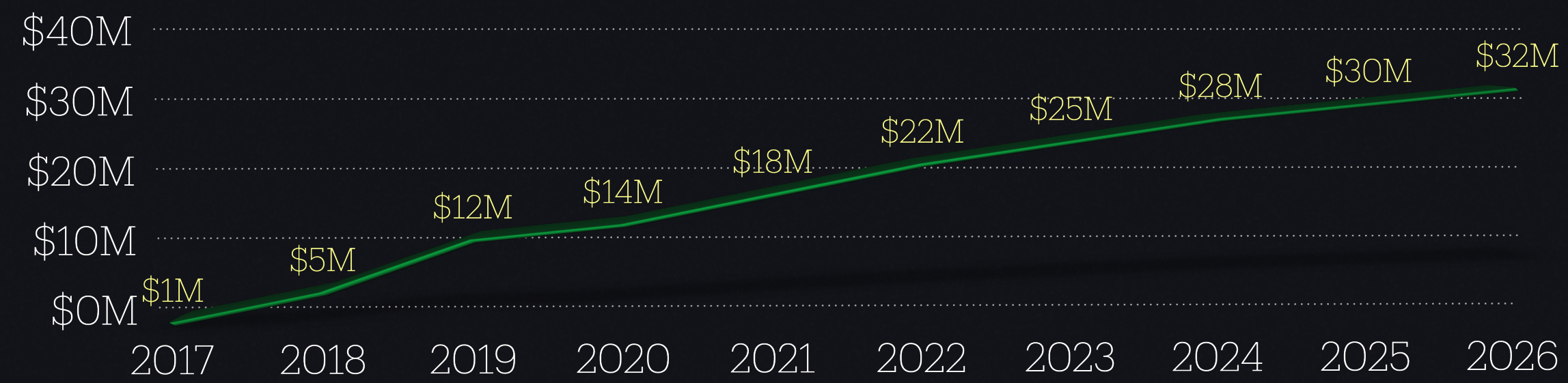
This is a narrative-driven immersive destination model with category-leading demand generation but structurally constrained repeat economics and throughput efficiency.

Exit Reality

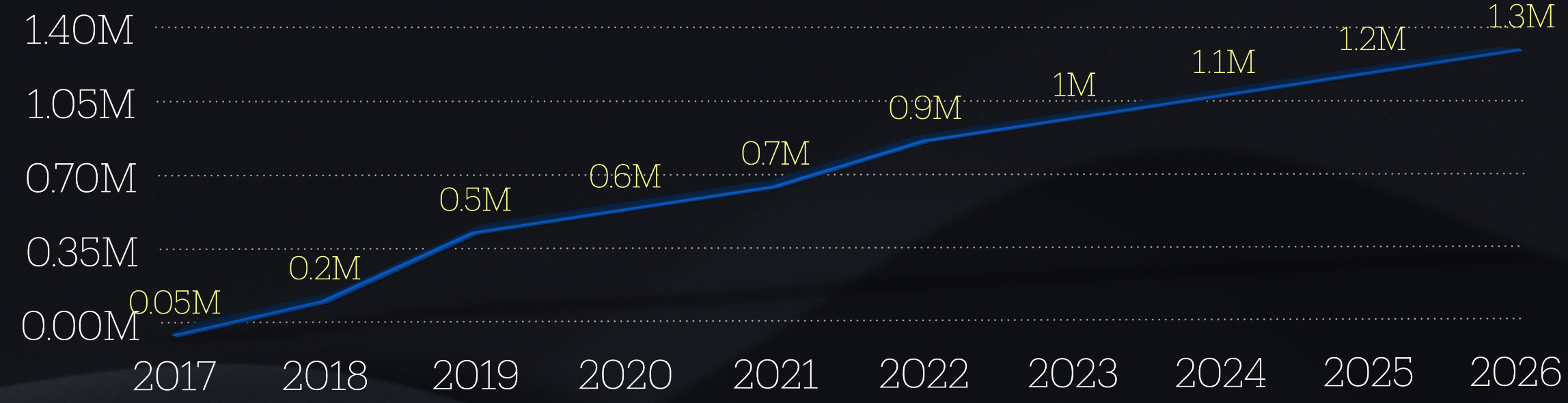
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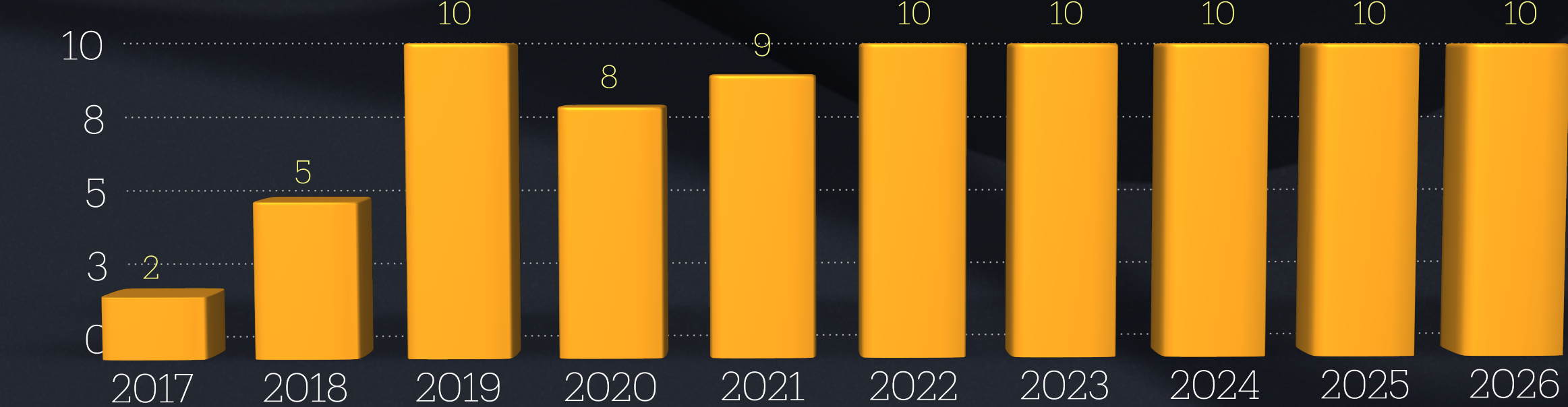
Cumulative Commercial Sales



Cumulative Player Visits



Global Venue Footprint



Metric	Latest Publicly Verifiable Benchmark (2026)
Active locations	Not centrally disclosed → Estimated dozens of partner deployments across enterprise, attractions, and LBE integrations partnerships)
Geographic footprint	Global project presence across Europe, North America, and Middle East
Lifetime players	Not disclosed → Not directly tracked at operator level (B2B model)
Lifetime sales	Not disclosed → Estimated \$10M-\$50M+ cumulative project revenue
Venue model	B2B XR infrastructure provider supporting third-party venues, attractions, and enterprise installations
Replay model	Dependent on client implementation rather than centrally controlled
Standalone viability	Not applicable (non-operator model)
Momentum	Appears active across infrastructure and services positioning; limited visibility into scale consistency

Note: 2016-2023 values are modeled estimates derived from publicly disclosed 2024-2026 milestones, location footprint history, and post-franchise expansion trajectory. 2024-2026 figures reflect directly disclosed company milestones.

Exit Reality

Operating Model

Driver	Score	Evidence Basis
Return Demand Architecture	1	No ownership of demand loop
Throughput Economics	2	Non-standardized deployments
Premium Social Shareability	2	Client-dependent
Real Estate Conversion Environment	3	Flexible but not optimized
First-Time Awareness Bridge	2	No direct consumer system
Overall Weighted Score	2/ 5.0	Infrastructure layer, not operator

Core Model

Exit Reality operates as a services and infrastructure provider delivering XR technology, system integration, and custom immersive solutions to third-party operators, brands, and venues. [14]

The company does not primarily own or operate consumer-facing venues. Instead, it enables others to deploy immersive experiences through:

- hardware integration
- software development
- spatial design and deployment

Scale & Footprint (2025–2026) (Operator-reported)

- Project-based deployments rather than standardized venues
- Global presence through:
 - enterprise clients
 - attractions
 - branded immersive installations

Scale characteristics:

- distributed but non-uniform footprint
- dependent on project pipeline rather than network growth

Content & Product System

- custom-built experiences
- tailored to client needs
- no standardized content library

Implications:

- high flexibility
- low scalability
- limited reuse

Unit Economics Signals

Revenue model is driven by:

- project contracts
- system integration fees
- potentially licensing or ongoing support

Typical deal structure:

- upfront build / integration cost
- potential maintenance / service agreements

Key characteristics:

- high revenue per project
- low repeat standardization
- irregular revenue cadence

Demand & Conversion Indicators

Demand originates from:

- enterprise clients
- entertainment operators
- brands seeking immersive activations

Conversion characteristics:

- long sales cycles
- relationship-driven
- proposal / RFP-based

Unlike operators:

- demand is not consumer-facing
- demand is B2B and contract-driven

Acquisition & Distribution System

Primary channels:

- direct enterprise sales
- partnerships
- industry relationships

No evidence of:

- centralized consumer demand system
- organic audience growth loops

Operational Model

- project-based execution
- high reliance on technical expertise
- variable resource allocation

Operational characteristics:

- scalable through talent, not replication
- dependent on pipeline continuity

Exit Reality- Operating Overview

Exit Reality operates as an infrastructure and services layer within the LBEXR ecosystem, providing the technical and experiential foundation that enables other operators, brands, and venues to deploy immersive experiences. Unlike consumer-facing operators, the company does not directly monetize end-user participation, but instead captures value through the design, integration, and delivery of XR systems.

The model is inherently project-based. Each deployment is typically customized to the needs of a specific client, whether that be an entertainment venue, corporate activation, or branded immersive experience. This allows for high flexibility and the ability to serve a wide range of use cases, but it limits the degree to which the business can standardize and scale its offerings across markets.

From an economic perspective, revenue is generated through contract-based engagements rather than recurring consumer transactions. This results in higher revenue per deal but introduces variability in revenue timing and overall growth trajectory. Unlike venue operators, which benefit from repeat visitation and ongoing session-based monetization, Exit Reality's revenue is tied to the successful acquisition and execution of new projects.

Demand generation is driven by enterprise relationships, partnerships, and industry positioning rather than consumer awareness. Sales cycles are longer and more complex, often involving proposal processes, customization, and integration planning. This creates a fundamentally different growth dynamic compared to B2C operators, where demand can be stimulated through marketing, location, and experience design.

The absence of a standardized product layer represents both a strength and a limitation. On one hand, the ability to deliver bespoke solutions allows Exit Reality to operate across a diverse set of verticals and applications. On the other hand, it constrains scalability, as each new deployment requires incremental effort, resources, and coordination. This reduces operating leverage and makes growth dependent on continued business development rather than product replication.

Operationally, the model is driven by technical expertise and execution capability. Success depends on the ability to design, deploy, and maintain complex XR systems across different environments. This introduces execution risk but also creates a barrier to entry, as fewer competitors possess the same level of technical integration capability.

Overall, Exit Reality occupies a distinct position within the immersive ecosystem as a category enabler rather than a category operator. Its value lies in supporting the broader expansion of immersive experiences, but its own scalability is constrained by the service-based nature of its business model.

Exit Reality

Driver-Level Analysis

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Overall Weighted Score	2/ 5.0	Infrastructure layer, not operator

Return Demand Architecture - Score: 1/5
Return demand is not owned or controlled at the platform level. Engagement dynamics depend entirely on the client implementation.

Throughput Economics - Score: 2/5
Throughput efficiency varies by deployment. No standardized system to optimize session density across projects.

Premium Social Shareability - Score: 2/5
Shareability depends on the specific experience built for clients. No centralized or repeatable system.

Real Estate Conversion Environment - Score: 3/5
Flexible across environments, but not optimized for any specific conversion model.

First-Time Awareness Bridge - Score: 2/5
No direct consumer-facing awareness system; dependent on client-side execution.

Final Assessment: Exit Reality- Score: 2/5

Exit Reality operates as an infrastructure and services layer within the LBEXR ecosystem, enabling immersive deployments across third-party venues rather than owning and operating consumer-facing locations. Its strategic relevance comes from technical capability and flexibility, allowing it to support a wide range of use cases including attractions, branded activations, and venue integrations. This positions the company as a category enabler that can benefit from overall industry growth without taking on full venue-level risk.

However, the model is structurally constrained by its lack of direct ownership over key economic drivers. Revenue appears to be primarily project-based, tied to system integration and deployment rather than recurring consumer transactions. This results in higher revenue per engagement but lower predictability, weaker operating leverage, and limited visibility into long-term scaling dynamics compared to standardized venue or system operators.

Because Exit Reality does not control the end-user experience at scale, it captures less downstream value per customer. Core drivers such as return demand, throughput optimization, pricing power, and customer acquisition are determined by client execution rather than centralized systems. This limits the company's ability to build repeatable demand infrastructure or expand customer lifetime value in a consistent way.

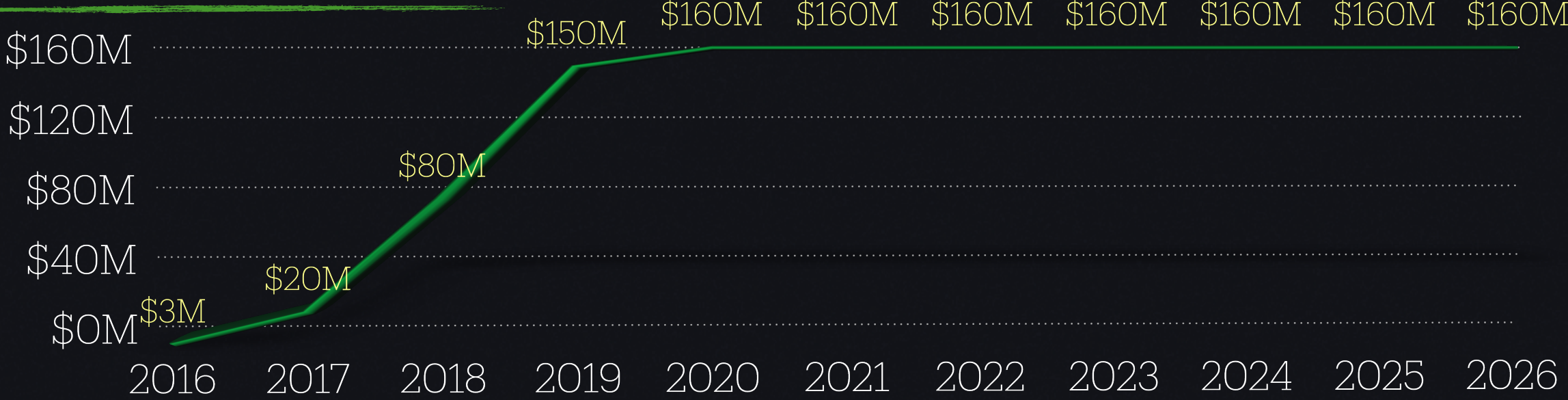
Scalability is also dependent on the degree of product standardization. Based on current positioning, the model appears closer to custom deployment than repeatable platform distribution, which ties growth to project pipeline and execution capacity rather than replication. While this supports flexibility, it reduces the potential for network effects and margin expansion.

Overall, Exit Reality should be understood as a strategically relevant but economically indirect participant in the LBEXR category. Its strength lies in enabling immersive experiences across diverse environments. Its limitations are concentrated in standardization, demand ownership, and scalable value capture.

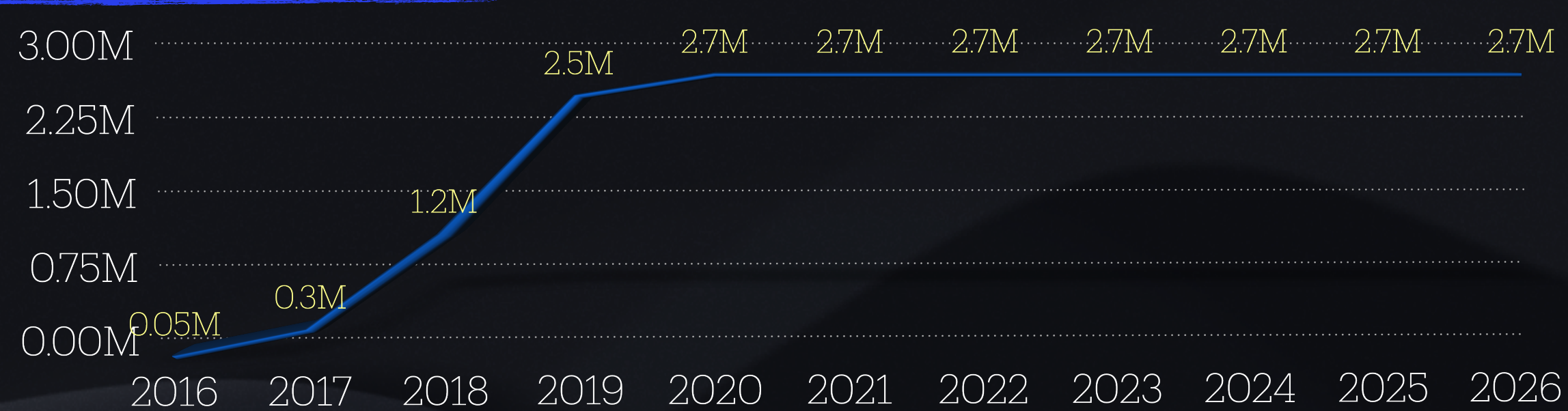
The Void

Legacy Premium LBEXR Operator (Defunct)

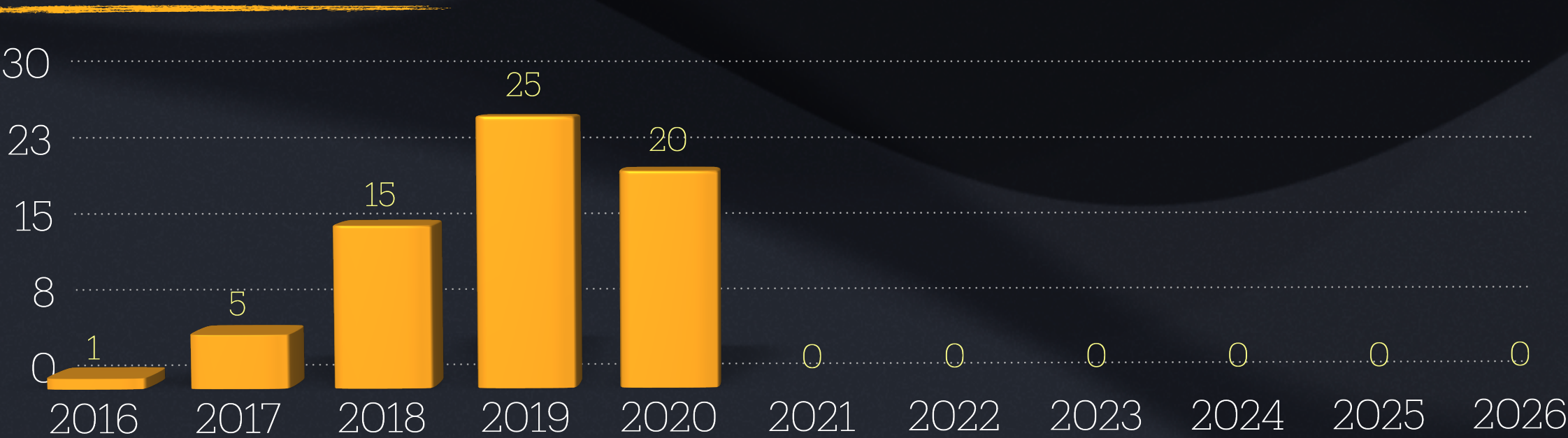
Cumulative Commercial Sales



Cumulative Player Visits



Global Venue Footprint



Metric	Latest Publicly Verifiable Benchmark (2026)
Active locations	0 (all locations closed by 2020–2021)
Geographic footprint	(Peak) United States, Canada, Middle East, Asia
Lifetime players	Not formally disclosed → Estimated 1M–2M cumulative participants
Lifetime sales	Not disclosed → Estimated \$50M–\$100M cumulative revenue
Venue model	Premium free-roam VR experiences integrated with physical sets and branded IP
Replay model	Low; driven by new experiences and IP releases
Standalone viability	Moderate in concept, failed in execution
Momentum	Defunct; ceased operations following financial distress and COVID-related shutdowns

Note:
2016–2023 values are modeled estimates derived from publicly disclosed 2024–2026 milestones, location footprint history, and post-franchise expansion trajectory. 2024–2026 figures reflect directly disclosed company milestones.

The VOID

Operating Model

Driver	Score	Evidence Basis
Return Demand Architecture	2	IP-driven, low replay
Throughput Economics	2	Limited session density
Premium Social Shareability	3	Brand-driven, not system-driven
Real Estate Conversion Environment	3	Retail-dependent
First-Time Awareness Bridge	4	Strong IP recognition
Overall Weighted Score	2.8/ 5.0	High quality, poor scalability

Core Model

The VOID pioneered a premium location-based VR format combining free-roam movement, physical set integration, and major entertainment IP. Experiences were designed as immersive, multi-sensory narratives where participants physically navigated environments that were mapped to virtual worlds.

The model emphasized cinematic immersion and brand recognition, positioning itself as a next-generation entertainment format.[15] [21]

Scale & Footprint (Pre 2020)

- ~10–15 global locations at peak
- Major partners included:
 - Disney (Star Wars, Avengers)
 - shopping mall operators
- Locations concentrated in:
 - high-end retail environments
 - flagship entertainment districts

Content & Product System

- small number of high-cost experiences
- heavy reliance on licensed IP
- long development cycles

Limitations:

- slow content refresh cadence
- limited replayability
- high cost per new experience

Unit Economics Signals

Ticket pricing
~\$25–\$40 per experience
(Observed across locations)

Session duration
~15–20 minutes per experience

Group size
Typically 4 participants

Throughput characteristics

- moderate session cadence
- limited capacity per hour
- high reset + coordination requirements

Revenue model

- premium ticketing
- dependent on:
 - high utilization
 - strong IP-driven demand

Demand & Conversion Indicators

Demand drivers:

- strong brand IP (Disney, Star Wars)
- novelty of free-roam VR
- mall foot traffic

Conversion characteristics:

- high initial demand
- strong awareness from IP
- weaker sustained demand over time

Acquisition & Distribution System

Primary channels:

- mall visibility
- brand/IP marketing
- partnerships

Weakness:

- limited post-visit amplification
- no scalable digital demand system
- reliance on external IP for awareness

Operational Model

- high capital expenditure per location
- complex physical + digital integration
- high staffing requirements

Constraints:

- operational complexity
- maintenance costs
- coordination overhead

The VOID- Operating Overview

The VOID was one of the earliest and most visible pioneers in the LBEXR category, introducing a premium immersive format that combined free-roam virtual reality with physical set design and major entertainment IP. Its experiences represented a significant step forward in immersion, allowing participants to physically interact with virtual environments in a way that had not previously been commercialized at scale.

The company's strategy centered on delivering high-quality, branded experiences in flagship retail locations, often in partnership with major entertainment companies. This positioned The VOID as a premium destination attraction, capable of generating strong initial demand through brand recognition and novelty.

However, the underlying economics of the model proved difficult to sustain. The combination of high capital expenditure, complex operations, and limited throughput capacity constrained revenue generation at the unit level. While ticket pricing supported a premium positioning, the number of sessions that could be delivered per hour remained relatively low compared to more efficient formats.

Content strategy further limited scalability. Experiences were expensive to produce and heavily dependent on licensed IP, resulting in a small content library and slow release cadence. Without frequent new experiences, repeat visitation declined, and demand became increasingly dependent on new customer acquisition rather than returning users.

The reliance on retail environments introduced additional vulnerability. As foot traffic in malls declined and external conditions shifted during the COVID period, the model's dependence on high-volume physical traffic became a critical weakness. Without a strong independent demand engine or flexible cost structure, the business was unable to adapt.

Ultimately, The VOID demonstrated both the potential and the limitations of premium immersive experiences. It proved that consumers were willing to pay for high-quality, location-based VR, but also exposed the challenges of scaling such a model without sufficient throughput efficiency, repeat demand systems, and cost discipline.

The VOID

Driver-Level Analysis

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Premium Social Shareability	3	Brand-driven, not system-driven
Real Estate Conversion Environment	3	Retail-dependent
First-Time Awareness Bridge	4	Strong IP recognition
Overall Weighted Score	2.8/ 5.0	High quality, poor scalability

Return Demand Architecture - Score: 2/5
Demand was driven primarily by new IP experiences. Limited replay value and slow content refresh reduced repeat visitation.

Throughput Economics - Score: 2/5
Session capacity was constrained by small group sizes and operational complexity, limiting revenue per hour.

Premium Social Shareability - Score: 3/5
Strong brand-driven awareness but limited organic amplification systems.

Real Estate Conversion Environment - Score: 3/5
Located in high-traffic retail environments but dependent on external footfall trends.

First-Time Awareness Bridge - Score: 2/5
Strong IP made experiences easy to understand before booking.

Final Assessment: The VOID- Score: 2.8/5

The VOID represents the earliest and most visible category-defining pioneer in premium LBEXR, establishing the foundational proof that consumers were willing to pay for high-quality, location-based immersive experiences. By combining free-roam VR, physical set integration, and globally recognized intellectual property, the company set a new benchmark for immersion and demonstrated that the medium could support premium pricing and strong initial demand.

However, the model’s long-term viability was constrained by a structural misalignment between experience ambition and operating economics. While The VOID successfully elevated the ceiling of what immersive experiences could deliver, it did so through a model that was capital-intensive, operationally complex, and throughput-limited. Each installation required significant upfront investment in buildout and integration, while session capacity remained constrained by small group sizes and relatively long cycle times. As a result, revenue generation per location was insufficient to consistently support the cost structure required to maintain and scale the format.

Demand generation was initially strong, driven by brand recognition and major IP partnerships. This created high visibility and reduced first-time adoption friction, allowing the company to achieve strong early traction. However, this demand was not structurally durable. The reliance on a small number of high-cost experiences, combined with slow content release cycles, limited repeat visitation and placed increasing pressure on new customer acquisition. Without a scalable content pipeline or engineered return-demand architecture, the model struggled to sustain utilization beyond initial novelty cycles.

The operating model further compounded these challenges. The integration of physical environments with VR systems introduced complexity in staffing, maintenance, and reset cycles, reducing operational efficiency and increasing cost per session. At the same time, dependence on high-traffic retail environments exposed the business to external variables, including declining mall traffic and broader shifts in consumer behavior. When those external conditions deteriorated, the model lacked the flexibility and demand resilience required to adapt.

From a strategic standpoint, The VOID’s failure was not a failure of product-market fit at the experiential level, but a failure of economic scalability and system design. The company proved that premium immersive experiences could attract and monetize demand, but it also revealed that high production value, strong IP, and brand-driven awareness are insufficient on their own to support sustainable growth without alignment across throughput efficiency, repeat demand systems, and cost structure.

In that sense, The VOID can be most accurately understood as a category pioneer that validated premium immersive demand but exposed the structural limits of high-cost, low-throughput models. Its legacy within the LBEXR ecosystem is not its scale, but the clarity it provides around what does and does not work. It established the viability of the category while simultaneously highlighting the critical importance of operational efficiency, scalable content systems, and durable demand architecture.

For investors and operators, The VOID serves as a foundational case study. It demonstrates that success in LBEXR is not determined by immersion quality alone, but by the ability to integrate experience design, economic efficiency, and demand generation into a cohesive, scalable system

Category Conclusion

What Wins in Premium LBEXR

Premium LBEXR does not scale through immersion alone. It scales through the integration of throughput, repeat demand, and embedded demand generation systems.

Across operators, a consistent pattern emerges.

The most successful models are not defined by technological novelty or narrative depth, but by their ability to convert immersive experiences into repeatable, high-density revenue systems.

Winning operators combine:

- High throughput economics that maximize sessions per hour, per room, and per square foot
- Return demand architecture that drives repeat visitation through group dynamics and content refresh
- Premium social shareability that converts each session into multi-user demand generation
- Strong real estate positioning that captures high-intent foot traffic and maximizes conversion
- Effective awareness bridges that reduce first-time friction and accelerate booking decisions

The result is a structurally advantaged model where:

- customer acquisition cost declines over time
- utilization remains high across dayparts
- and revenue density scales with footprint expansion

Core Structural Challenges

Despite strong consumer response at the point of experience, the category has historically struggled to scale due to a consistent set of structural constraints.

1. First-Time Conversion Friction (Primary Marketing Challenge)

The dominant barrier is not awareness, but understanding. Customers often cannot intuitively grasp what the experience will feel like prior to participation, creating a gap between exposure and booking.

This results in:

- lower conversion rates from paid acquisition
- higher dependence on physical discovery (foot traffic)
- inefficiencies in digital marketing performance

Operators that fail to bridge this “imagination gap” face structurally higher acquisition costs and slower adoption curves.

2. Throughput Constraints and Operational Bottlenecks

Long session times, onboarding requirements, and reset cycles limit the number of monetizable sessions per hour. Even strong demand environments can underperform if throughput is not optimized.

3. Weak or Inconsistent Repeat Demand

Experiences that rely on one-time novelty without structured replay systems must continuously reacquire customers, limiting lifetime value and increasing marketing pressure.

4. Capital Intensity and Real Estate Risk

High build-out costs combined with premium location requirements create pressure on utilization and revenue per square foot. Underperformance in conversion or throughput compounds quickly.

5. Fragmented Demand Generation Systems

Operators that treat marketing as a separate function rather than an embedded system within the experience struggle to scale efficiently. Lack of integrated social shareability, visibility, and post-visit content reduces organic demand loops.

Strategic Implication

The category is converging toward a clear standard:
High-throughput, repeat-driven, socially amplified venue systems that solve first-time conversion through embedded awareness mechanisms.
Operators that successfully integrate these systems will define the next phase of LBEXR growth. Those that do not will remain constrained by acquisition cost, utilization inefficiency, and limited scalability.
The challenge is no longer proving immersive demand exists. The challenge is making it understandable, repeatable, and economically scalable.

Fragmented / Non-Scalable Models

- high immersion, low throughput
- narrative-heavy, low replay
- standalone marketing
- weak conversion systems



Low utilization | High CAC | Limited scalability

FAILS

Integrated LBEXR System

- high throughput
- repeat demand architecture
- social amplification
- real estate conversion
- awareness bridge



High utilization | Lower CAC over time | Scalable revenue density

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Near-Term Category Outlook

LBEXR Near-Term Outlook (2026–2029)

The category is likely to scale through better economics and lower creation friction, not through immersion alone.

The next phase of premium LBEXR growth is likely to be driven by operators that combine repeatable venue economics with faster content iteration and stronger demand-conversion systems. Third-party research continues to project strong growth across both the broader LBE market and the location-based VR segment, with one recent market synopsis estimating the location-based VR market at \$2.76B in 2026, rising to \$10.69B by 2031.

Near-term category expansion is likely to be shaped by five forces:

- 1) Operator models with stronger throughput and repeat-demand architecture should continue to outperform narrative-heavy formats with weaker utilization.
- 2) Franchise, partner-operated, and system-distribution models should remain the fastest path to footprint expansion, as reflected in the continued global presence of operators such as Sandbox VR, Zero Latency, and Hologate.
- 3) AI-assisted workflows are likely to shorten content iteration cycles across world-building, testing, asset preparation, and deployment. Meta has been rolling out generative AI creation tools and a new Horizon Engine for larger, more visually complex spaces, while its developer stack now includes AI-assisted build and validation workflows. Unity and Meta also extended their multi-year partnership in April 2026 specifically around powering next-generation VR development. NVIDIA continues to position Omniverse and OpenUSD-based workflows as pipeline infrastructure for scalable 3D and simulation content.
- 4) First-time conversion remains the biggest unresolved category bottleneck. Bob Cooney’s repeated emphasis on the marketing problem is directionally right: the challenge is still not just building immersive experiences, but making them legible enough to book before customers step inside. Operators that reduce this “belief gap” should capture disproportionate value. That conclusion is also consistent with the report’s own five-driver analysis.
- 5) Multisensory interfaces are advancing, but are more likely to emerge first as premium enhancement layers rather than immediate core operating standards. The commercial near-term implication is not “smell becomes standard everywhere,” but that scent, haptics, and other sensory layers will likely appear first in flagship attractions, branded activations, training, and premium narrative experiences where differentiation justifies added complexity.

Nexus Forecast (2026–2029)

- Most likely winners: operators that combine strong throughput, social amplification, repeat demand, and faster content iteration.
- Most likely losers: formats that rely on one-time novelty, high capex, slow content refresh, or explanation-heavy marketing.
- Most likely category shift: from “prove immersive demand exists” to “reduce creation cost and customer-conversion friction.”

Technology Enablers: AI + Multisensory

Technology Forecast — What Changes the Operating Model Next

1. AI will compress VR content pipeline time before it replaces premium authorship [34-37]

The near-term effect of AI in XR is most likely to be workflow compression, not full automation of premium content creation. The most commercially relevant uses are likely to be:

- faster ideation and previews
- quicker world prototyping
- asset pipeline interoperability
- automated testing and validation
- lower-cost iteration for live content environments

This is already visible in current platform signals. Meta is promoting generative AI tools for Horizon creators and AI-assisted build/test workflows, while NVIDIA is advancing OpenUSD and Omniverse-based infrastructure for scalable 3D pipelines. Unity's extended agreement with Meta reinforces the expectation that AI-assisted VR development will become more mainstream across production stacks.

2. The biggest impact of AI on LBEXR is economic, not aesthetic [34-37]

For premium LBEXR operators, AI matters most where it reduces:

- content iteration time
- update cost
- testing overhead
- deployment friction across multiple sites

That means AI is most strategically important for operators with multi-venue footprints, recurring content cadence, and live operational pipelines. In other words, the biggest beneficiaries are not necessarily the most experimental creators, but the operators already trying to scale content and refresh economics across networks. This is an inference based on the toolchain direction above and your operator framework.

3. Multisensory immersion is moving from concept to credible enhancement layer [38-40]

The multisensory layer of XR is no longer purely conceptual. Multiple sensory channels beyond vision and audio are now advancing in parallel, with early commercial deployments and accelerating research activity.

Smell

The smell category is now credible enough to include in forward-looking analysis, but must be framed appropriately. In March 2026, researchers at the Institute of Science Tokyo announced a wearable olfactory device capable of blending up to eight fragrances in real time, synchronized with virtual environments.

Earlier work published in *Nature Communications* demonstrated skin-interfaced olfactory systems using miniaturized odor generators with programmable control, low power consumption, and rapid response times, indicating that compact and scalable scent delivery is becoming technically viable.

Across multiple studies, the inclusion of scent has been shown to increase realism, engagement, and emotional response in immersive environments, particularly in simulation and training contexts.

At the same time, commercially oriented systems such as OVR Technology’s headset-integrated scent devices and other olfactometry-based approaches demonstrate that scent can now be delivered with low-latency, programmable precision within interactive environments.

Separately, more experimental approaches are emerging, including ultrasound-based methods for inducing smell sensations without chemical cartridges. While promising, these systems remain early-stage and should be treated as research rather than near-term infrastructure.

Motion and Physical Sensation

Motion and physical sensation systems are advancing in parallel.

In addition to olfactory systems, motion-based sensory technologies are becoming increasingly relevant.

Modern VR systems already simulate motion visually, but a growing class of hardware is attempting to replicate physical movement sensation through haptics, force feedback, and vestibular stimulation. These include:

- omnidirectional treadmills and locomotion platforms
- motion platforms and dynamic seating systems
- haptic vests and force-feedback wearables
- emerging vestibular stimulation approaches designed to simulate acceleration and directional movement

The underlying goal is to bridge the gap between perceived motion (visual) and felt motion (physical).

This matters because motion is one of the primary drivers of presence. When movement is only simulated visually, users cognitively understand motion but do not fully “believe” it physically. Systems that introduce even partial physical feedback can significantly increase immersion and reduce this gap.

While fully realistic motion replication remains technically complex and cost-intensive, partial solutions are already being deployed in arcades, simulation environments, and premium attractions.

Nexus interpretation of multisensory trajectory

The key takeaway is not that multisensory XR is imminent at scale, but that it is becoming incrementally deployable in layers.

- Olfactory systems are moving from lab research to early commercial integration
- Motion and haptic systems are already partially deployed but not yet standardized
- Full multisensory integration remains constrained by cost, reliability, and operational complexity

The near-term implication for LBEXR is that these technologies will appear first as:

- premium enhancements in flagship venues
- differentiation layers in narrative or branded experiences
- tools for simulation, training, and high-fidelity environments

rather than as baseline requirements across all operators.

Strategic implication:

Multisensory technology does not fundamentally change the category’s economics in the near term.

Instead, it acts as a performance amplifier:

- increasing immersion and emotional engagement
- strengthening memorability and shareability
- potentially improving first-time conversion by making the experience more immediately legible

However, without strong throughput, repeat demand, and demand-generation systems, multisensory enhancements alone are unlikely to resolve the core structural challenges of the category.

The next phase of immersion will not be defined by visuals alone, but by how effectively operators layer physical sensation, environmental cues, and emotional triggers onto economically scalable systems.

4. Nexus forecast on sensory tech

- Near term (12–24 months): scent and other sensory layers appear selectively in premium activations, R&D, training, and flagship experiences.
- Medium term (24–48 months): if reliability, integration cost, and maintenance improve, multisensory systems could become premium differentiators in narrative and branded LBEXR.
- Low-confidence assumption to avoid: that scent becomes a standard operational layer across the category in the immediate future. Current evidence supports experimentation and premium enhancement, not broad standardization.

The next wave of LBEXR advantage will come less from “more immersion” alone and more from faster content pipelines, lower iteration cost, and better conversion of first-time curiosity into repeatable demand.

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