Are Consumers Ready for Augmented Reality? Factors Influencing Online Footwear Purchasing Intentions Using AR Technology

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Some online retailers flourished during the COVID-19 pandemic time. Apparel retailers face the dilemma of how to adapt a considerable part of their businesses to mobile commerce. Augmented Reality (AR) applications offer the capability to try clothing and footwear items virtually. We address critical factors for consumers to adopt AR to shop apparel in general and footwear in particular. Based on a real-life pilot, we present six Research Propositions that can be addressed in future research and introduce a novel approach to evaluate the UTAUT2 constructs that result in a new way to view Habit and Price Value often ignored in extant research.

Keywords: augmented reality, m-commerce, MAR, retail, UTAUT, mobile shopping, consumer behavior, AR

INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic emerged in Wuhan, China, in December 2019, and in a matter of a few months, the world changed dramatically. Strict quarantine rules like those implemented by Italy and Greece and laxer policies in the US came with consequences for retailers.

Retail stores selling apparel and footwear suffered considerable declines, more significantly those not prepared to offer a seamless online experience. Nevertheless, that was enough to have retailers like Kohl's, T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, Gap Inc., H&M, Macy's, and Bloomingdale's, to name a few, to close their physical stores across the U.S. temporarily (Testa, Maheshwari, & Friedman, 2020). Other retailers. i.e., Neiman Marcus, Brooks Brothers, J.C. Penney Co., and mall owners like CBL & Associates Properties Inc. and Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust had to file for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, a consequence of their loss of revenues (Fung, 2020).

A study conducted by McKinsey & Company (2020) paints a bleak picture for apparel and footwear retailers. According to their global April-May 2020 COVID-19 Consumer Pulse survey, categories like groceries, home entertainment, and household products gained in consumer purchasing net intent, but

categories such as apparel and footwear suffered a decline to over -50%. Simultaneously, the number of consumers who expect to shift part of their apparel and footwear to digital stores grew in a range of 15% to 29% (ibid). Furthermore, BDO (2020) reports that by mid-2020, from 29 chapter 11 bankruptcy filings, 13 were Apparel/Footwear brands and department stores.

For traditional retailers struggling to stay afloat during the quarantine times, Augmented Reality can recreate a real-world shopping experience in the virtual world.

As consumers are willing to shop more online, Augmented Reality (AR) is listed as one of the top technological solutions that may allow them to evaluate online merchandise (Tavolieri, 2019) and "help them recreate the real-world shopping experience in the virtual world" (Conger, 2020). Consequently, companies like Amazon are now implementing Artificial Intelligence algorithms to try different outfits virtually [7]. Another example of a brand turning to AR is Gucci, which in the middle of the pandemic closures, released together with Snap Inc., the capability to virtually try the brand shoes on snapchat and purchase them with a click of a button (Hirschmiller, 2020; A. Lee, 2020).

A large stream of research tried to identify who the online apparel shoppers are. However, those studies focused on people that were already purchasing online. The current preponderantly-remote/online modality of shopping requires a different set of questions that should be analyzed to determine under which circumstances consumers will be open to using online-only tools to buy such products (Javornik, 2016).

The issue at hand is to understand if consumers are ready to virtually try relatively expensive apparel items and be open to purchase them even if they cannot touch the actual product. It is essential to note, at this point, the difference between mobile AR (MAR) applications and those virtual dressing rooms (magic mirrors) that some retailers already tried (Javornik, Rogers, Moutinho, & Freeman, 2016). The critical difference is that while at the store, the consumer can virtually try many items and select one. Still, in that case, the consumer can reevaluate the transaction when the product is placed in its hands (Boardman, Henninger, & Zhu, 2020). Contrary, in the case of AR at-home purchases, customers must pay and wait for a delivery to touch the product. The purchase decision is taken at different stages, making the first one less risky.

Based on widely accepted technology acceptance models, our paper tries to identify critical antecedents to Augmented Reality's adoption for online apparel shopping and proposes research questions based on a limited pilot conducted in October 2020.

BACKGROUND TO THE RESEARCH

Understanding Augmented Reality

In laymen's terms, Augmented Reality is a technology that allows a person to observe the real world through a see-through device and, at the same time, observe objects added to that real-world environment. AR is a technology that comprises three key elements: It combines in a) real-time and interactively b) realworld physical view, and c) it is registered in three dimensions (Azuma, 1997; Van Krevelen & Poelman, 2010; Yaoyuneyong, Foster, Johnson, & Johnson, 2016; Zhou, Duh, & Billinghurst, 2008). "Registered," in this context, means the capability to seamlessly align virtual objects with the real world (Papagiannis, 2017), i.e., if a user looks at his room through a mobile device camera and places virtual furniture, that furniture will show in the correct size. These three components make the difference between AR and other types of Mixed Realities (MR), such as Augmented Virtuality (AV), which combines real elements in a virtual world, and Virtual Reality (VR) that immerses the individual in an all-virtual environment. AR has been used and studied across industries, i.e., AEC (Chi, Kang, & Wang, 2013; Piroozfar, Farr, Boseley, Essa, & Jin, 2018), education (Akcayır & Akcayır, 2017; Altinpulluk, 2019; P. Chen, Liu, Cheng, & Huang, 2017), gaming (Von Itzstein, Billinghurst, Smith, & Thomas, 2019), healthcare (Ferrari, Klinker, & Cutolo, 2019; Gerup, Soerensen, & Dieckmann, 2020), Real Estate (Lang & Sittler, 2012), travel/tourism (Kečkeš & Tomičić, 2017; Yung & Khoo-Lattimore, 2019) and to the topic of this paper marketing (Bulearca & Tamarjan, 2010; Scholz & Duffy, 2018; Wedel, Bigné, & Zhang, 2020)

AR and Marketing Applications

One of the first use cases of AR marketing application mentioned in the literature is the campaign conducted by MINI, where a user pointing a mobile device at a printed ad could see the car coming out of the page in 3d (Carmigniani & Furht, 2011). Javornik (2014) looked into AR as a tool that offers new capabilities to enhance consumers' experiences through direct interaction and brand engagement through advertising, product customization, virtual product tryouts, and customer service, to name a few. In other words, Augmented Reality Marketing (ARM) "focuses on creating digital affordances for customer experiences, which are the digital cues in a physical environment designed to scaffold (i.e., assist) customer actions and experiences." (Chylinski et al., 2020)

Those customer actions and experiences predominantly happen nowadays through their mobile devices. Customers are always connected and carry their mobile devices everywhere they go, and that they are using these devices to sense, experience, and record the world (Schapsis & Chiagouris, 2019). Therefore, ARM allows marketers to engage customers with relevant and within-context information to enhance consumers' shopping experience, i.e., showing consumers how they would look wearing a specific product (Parise, Guinan, & Kafka, 2016). Pokemon Go is an excellent example of user engagement through AR that caught comprehensive media coverage and significant academic research (Hamari, Malik, Koski, & Johri, 2019; Kim, Kim, & Song, 2019; Pamuru, Khern-am-nuai, & Kannan, 2020; Wu, 2017).

With the proliferation of e-commerce, retailers saw a real benefit in implementing AR capabilities to their stores, websites, and apps (Cruz et al., 2019). A quick online search of "eyewear virtual try on" shows that most large eyewear retailers with online presence such as LensCrafters and Warby Parker, eyewear e-retailers such as glasses.com, glassesusa.com, eyeconic.com, and lingo.com, to name a few, and brands like Armani, Burberry, Oakley, Ray-Ban, and others have implemented glasses and frames virtual try-on AR features on their online presence. Substantial research has been done on how AR influence customer decisions when purchasing eyewear (Pantano, Rese, & Baier, 2017; Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017a, 2017b; Roxo & Brito, 2019).

Using AR in different applications, brands such as Burberry, L'Oréal, Mac Cosmetics, Rebecca Minkoff, Uniqlo, and others have tested in-store AR mirrors (Caboni & Hagberg, 2019).

Furthermore, leading brands selling furniture such as IKEA and Wayfair had implemented AR as part of their mobile app (Scholz & Duffy, 2018). These MAR applications allow customers to visualize a piece of furniture in their room before deciding to purchase an item (H. Lee & Leonas, 2018; Marr, 2019).

Nevertheless, while by many standards, AR is becoming one of the emerging trends in mobile marketing (Narang & Shankar, 2019), for the most part, customers "are still uncertain about the value of AR" (de Ruyter et al., 2020). Hence, the importance of reviewing and analyzing the antecedents that will help customers accept and incorporate MAR as part of their mobile shopping experience.

Conceptual Framework

Wiebach and Send (2020) argue that "gauging customer acceptance is of vital importance to determine which role AR can play in the retail market." Venkatesh, Morris, Davis, and Davis (2003) presented an extended Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) based on eight different known technology acceptance models. UTAUT was extensively used to understand mobile consumer behavior and was later expanded to a UTAUT2 model by Venkatesh, Thong, and Xu (2012) to analyze the use of technology in a consumer context by incorporating three constructs, i.e., hedonic motivation, price value, and habit.

This paper intends to formulate critical questions regarding consumer intent to use AR for shopping purposes and not to revalidate the whole UTAUT2 model. Hence, a reduced model with the relevant constructs was operationalized. We aimed to examine users' behavioral intentions to adopt AR for apparel shopping with the specific purpose of validating the methodology and formulating new research questions.

FIGURE 1 THE RESEARCH MODEL



Following the UTAUT, we expected the following:

H1: The higher the Performance Expectancy (PE), the higher the Behavioral Intention (BI) to adopt MAR apps for apparel shopping.

H2: When the users' Effort Expectation (EE) increases, the BI will decrease.

H3: Users with higher Hedonic Motivation (HM) will show higher BI.

H4: Users that habitually use AR in their mobile devices (H) will show higher BI.

H5: Users that display higher Innovativeness (I) will display higher BI.

METHODOLOGY

AR Apps as Stimulus Research Tools

Due to AR's experiential and immersive nature (Huang, Chen, & Chou, 2016), it is often required to use existing AR apps and expose the study subjects to experiment with how AR works. Following the same concept used by Cho and Kim (2019), McLean and Wilson (2019), Pantano et al. (2017), and others, of using an existing commercial app, this research employed a free app available for iOS and Android devices. The participants were required to download and install the free app called "Wanna Kicks." The app has a straightforward interface. The participants were informed ahead of time that they were not required to buy anything in the app to participate in the survey. Once the app users point the camera towards their feet, the app's AR functionality will recognize the feet and show them the selected shoes as if they were wearing them (See Figure 2).

Participants were asked to explore the app AR functionality, choose a pair they like, and take a picture of their feet with a pair of shoes to share as part of the survey.

FIGURE 2 USERS' VIEW OF THE SHOES IN AR



Data Collection

A total of 350 individuals completed the survey for a nominal fee via mTurk. Kees, Berry, Burton, and Sheehan (2017) conducted a study comparing different samples in advertisement experiments and found that "MTurk data outperformed panel data procured from two separate professional marketing research companies across various measures of data quality." While this is a relatively new form of collecting research data (Xiao, Yun, & Yueqing, 2019), we followed accepted best practices. For example, Feitosa, Joseph, and Newman (2015) recommend restricting answers to subjects located in native-English countries. Consistent with Zhang and Barnes (2019), the surveys to collect data for this study were shown only to individuals in the US. Furthermore, Smith, Roster, Golden, and Albaum (2016) identify two types of unreliable mTurk individuals "cheaters" and "speeders." They define cheaters as "a respondent who intentionally answers survey questions dishonestly and in a fashion that maximizes their opportunity for participation and subsequent rewards." (Smith et al., 2016). In the case of this study, users had to submit a picture of their feet wearing a virtual show as a screen capture of the app.

Additionally, Smith et al. (2016) characterize a mTurk speeder as "a respondent who does not thoroughly read the questions and uses minimal cognitive effort to provide answers that satisfy the question." Following their recommendation, our survey included filter questions. After considering the safeguards mentioned above, 213 were included in our study. Demographic details of the sample can be found in Table 1.

Measures

The questioner used in this research was mainly adapted from Venkatesh et al. (2012) UTAUT with 7point Likert Scale. The questionnaire included 23 questions in 6 constructs, Performance Expectancy (PE), Hedonic Motivation (HM), Habit using AR (H), Effort Expectancy (EE), Innovativeness (I), and Behavioural Intention (BI)

The survey was distributed using Qualtrics, and data was collected from a mTurk group from the end of October 2020 to the first week of November 2020. As mentioned, the items on the questioner were based on a widely used inventory developed by Venkatesh et al. (2012) with some adaptations made to the UTAUT items inventory to consider elements of mobile shopping (Celik, 2016; Chiu, Lin, Sun, & Hsu, 2009; Pappas, Pateli, Giannakos, & Chrissikopoulos, 2014), mobile gaming (Ramírez-Correa, Rondán-Cataluña, Arenas-Gaitán, & Martín-Velicia, 2019), mobile banking (Sarfaraz, 2017), and Augmented Reality (Paulo, Rita, Oliveira, & Moro, 2018).

RESULTS

Model Specification

We categorized 23 survey questions into six constructs studied in our conceptual model (Figure 1). The exploratory factor analysis (Table 2) shows that the six constructs PE, HM, H, EE, I, and BI are unique as their alpha values are close to 1.

Table **3**, "reliability, validity statistics and correlations," shows that the diagonal elements (in bold[†]) range from 0.77 to 0.87 and are higher than the various AVE values that range from 0.593 to 0.756, indicating the adequate discriminant validity of the model's constructs. Moreover, the chi-square test, the Comparative Fit Index, the Standardized Root Mean Square Residual test, Root Mean-Square Error of Approximation test, and the p-value of the null hypothesis test all indicate that our structural equation model fits well within the accepted thresholds (see Table 4 - Fit indices of CFA model).

Pilot's Structural Model

As indicated by the standardized path coefficients in Table 5 and Figure 3, we can see a positive and significant relationship between Performance Expectancy and Behavioural Intention (b=0.530, p=0.000). Thus, H1 is supported. The relationship between Effort Expectancy and Behavioral Intention is negative but not statistically significant (b=-0.035 p=0.572). Therefore, H2 is not supported. Although Hedonic Motivation and Behavioral Intention's relationship is positive, it was not statistically significant (b=0.079, p=0.298). Hence, H3 is not supported. Moreover, we find that Habit and Behavioral Intention's relationship is positive and significant (b=0.236, p=0.000). Thus, H4 is supported. Furthermore, there is a positive and significant relationship between Innovativeness and Behavioral Intention (b=0.249, p=0.000). Therefore, H5 is supported. Finally, we find that Performance Expectancy ranks as the number 1 significant factor to influence consumers' Behavioral Intention (b=0.530, p=0.000), Innovativeness as the number 2 significant factor (b=0.249, p=0.000), and Habit as the number 3 significant factor (b=0.236, p=0.000).



FIGURE 3 RESEARCH MODEL AND RESULTS

DISCUSSION, IMPLICATIONS, AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

By examining the results, it is possible to identify two types of constructs' antecedents for Behavioral Intention to use AR to purchase apparel. The first happens when the consumer is exposed to the AR mobile shopping app. In other words, the users' Performance Expectancy, Hedonic Motivation, and Effort Expectancy are directly related to the fact that the user is using an AR-based mobile shopping application, i.e., in the absence of such mobile app, those constructs will not be manifested. The second type of antecedents for Behavioral Intention to use AR constructs were present before the subjects were exposed to the AR application.

Constructs That Manifest Themselves When the Technology Is Used

This study's empirical findings suggest that Performance Expectancy is the crucial factor for consumers to adopt AR for apparel shopping. In other words, different from other applications of AR, i.e., mobile games (Harborth & Pape, 2017; Ramírez-Correa et al., 2019), effectiveness and usefulness are the key motives driving consumer intention to use AR for apparel shopping purposes. Moreover, different from extant mobile commerce research (Kiseol & Forney, 2013; Shaw & Sergueeva, 2019; Tak & Panwar, 2017), this study data suggests that Hedonic Motivation plays no significant role in the consumer intention to use AR for mobile apparel shopping purposes.

Therefore, the following research propositions can be formulated.

RP1: Performance Expectancy positively influences the user intention to use AR for apparel mobile shopping purposes.

RP2: Hedonic Motivation plays no role in the user intention to use AR for apparel mobile shopping purposes.

Data also suggest that Performance Expectancy is by far the most critical factor affecting users' intention. Therefore, it can be proposed that:

RP3: Performance Expectancy is the most critical factor that drives user intention to use AR for apparel mobile shopping purposes.

Constructs That Exist Before the Technology Is Used

Habit and the Innovativeness nature of the user preceded the user exposure to the specific shopping app. Habit was a significant predictor in our model. Since Habit is one of the least studied constructs in the UTAUT context (Tamilmani, Rana, & Dwivedi, 2018), special attention is required. However, in the case of AR for mobile shopping, different types of habits can be identified. Consumers may already have a habit of shopping online. Additionally, users may have a habit of using AR in other contexts, for example, filters in applications such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and others. Therefore, we propose that Habit should be divided into specific habit treats:

RP4: Online Shopping Habit positively influences the user intention to use AR for apparel mobile shopping purposes.

RP5: AR Usage Habit positively influences the user intention to use AR for apparel mobile shopping purposes.

Furthermore, we foresee that those pre-existing constructs will influence the relationship between the "at exposure" constructs and the Behavioral Intention. Therefore, we consider it wise to explore how the relationship between Performance Expectancy and users' Behavioral Intention to use AR for apparel mobile

shopping purposes is moderated by the users' different related habits such as online shopping habits and AR usage habits.

Other UTAT Constructs That May Be Adapted to Study AR and Shopping

One of the UTAUT2 consumer-oriented constructs omitted in this pilot was Price Value. Venkatesh et al. (2012) define Price Value as "consumers' cognitive tradeoff between the perceived benefits of the applications and the monetary cost for using them."

Price Value is usually omitted in consumer mobile technology adoption as those users usually do not pay to use that technology (Tamilmani, Rana, Dwivedi, Sahu, & Roderick, 2018), i.e., they do not pay for the app. That may be different from some mobile games where the user pays for the app or premium content (Ramírez-Correa et al., 2019). Shaw and Sergueeva (2019) assert that Price Value is irrelevant in the case of m-commerce and should be substituted by a more appropriate construct, "Perceived Value." The definition and analysis of this construct were beyond our pilot's scope. Nevertheless, and consistent with extant research, we can propose that:

RP6: Perceived Value positively influences the user intention to use AR for apparel mobile shopping purposes.

Relevance to the Academic Marketing Discipline

Drawing concepts from the extended Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT2,) this research evaluates critical initial constructs that may affect consumers' behavioral intentions to use Augmented Reality (AR) for apparel shopping, specifically when purchasing products in the form of sports footwear.

Most of the current stream of research on AR in marketing focuses on AR applications that add context and information to the external user's environment, i.e., placing furniture in a room, showing complementary product data, augmenting information to places, to name a few. Our research investigates how customers may use AR to "see and try" the products on themselves. Moreover, our study focuses on online purchases, differing from magic mirror AR applications in brick and mortar stores.

This paper presents a novel approach to review the concept of Habit and its relationship to AR-based apparel m-commerce.

Furthermore, our research propositions call for a new view of the UTAUT2 constructs. We propose differentiating the UTAUT 2 constructs into two main categories; those that manifest themselves when the user is exposed to the technology in question and those that can be considered "pre-existing conditions."

Furthermore, we propose that those pre-existing conditions may affect the users' behavioral intentions and, at the same time, moderate the relationships of factors that occur when the user is exposed to the technology itself.

Relevance to Marketing Practitioners

This research will be of high interest to brands and retailers with an m-commerce presence. Although the current study is highly relevant to the apparel and footwear industries, its relevance is much more extensive. Jewelry, athletic equipment, and even fashion accessories sectors, to name a few, have the potential to benefit substantially from AR.

Though some retailers suffered considerable revenue declines during the closures imposed as preventive measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and while many of them had online shopping stores in place, they needed to adapt to customers who did not purchase online apparel and footwear before. This capability to use technology to create enhanced marketing activities that satisfy consumer needs is a key for business success (H.-c. Chen, Sun, & Chen, 2020). Also, they need to consider that customers face additional challenges when the "showrooming" option (see in-store/buy online) is not available anymore. This research will help retailers better segment the market to target the right customers with the right products using AR applications to bring the consumer to a final purchase. Moreover, this research will be

of high interest to advertising professionals to understand customer's attitudes towards AR, as AR ads are already being deployed in social networks like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and others.

Closing Remarks

In conclusion, this pilot study shows that Performance Expectancy, Innovativeness, and Habit significantly affect consumers' intentions to use AR for apparel shopping online. We observed that users' intentions to use AR highly depend on the AR system's performance and utility. Furthermore, the customers' innovative character and digital habits may determine if they will adopt this type of technology.

Thus, online apparel retailers should focus on developing and deploying AR systems that add value and facilitates the customers' purchasing process. They should also keep in mind that it might be easier to attract habitual online shoppers and individuals already familiar with AR in other contexts, such as social media face filters.

Considering that the utility derived from the AR shopping mobile app is critical for this technology adoption, of no less importance is the hedonic motivation and effort expectancy lack of relevance found in our pilot. Our research propositions address this departure from the UTAUT2 model and recommend further investigation to understand if gamification or the fun factor plays any role in consumers' behavioral intentions when purchasing apparel using AR applications. In other words, it is essential to understand if pleasure and enjoyment derived from using these platforms are stemmed from the usage itself or from the utilitarian benefits the user will obtain.

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APPENDIX

Variables n=213		
Gender	Female n=108	
	Male n=105	
Age	18-21 n=7	
	22-25 n=29	
	26-29 n=31	
	30-33 n=31	
	34-37 n=38	
	38-41 n=24	
	42-45 n=12	
	46-50 n=14	
	>50 n=27	
Education	Less than High School n=1	
	High School graduate n=21	
	Some college n=42	
	2-year degree n=26	
	4-year degree n=95	
	Professional degree n=26	
	Doctorate n=2	

TABLE 1DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE SAMPLE

Construct	Description	α	Factor Loading
Performance Expectancy	I find the shoes AR app useful for my footwear online shopping activities		0.737
PE	When buying footwear online, the shoes AR app makes shopping easier		0.804
	Using this type of shoes' AR App increases my chances to make a better decision when purchasing footwear online	.90 9	0.772
	Using this type of shoes' AR App enables me to accomplish shopping tasks more quickly		0.783
	When buying shoes online, the shoes AR app makes my shopping more effective		0.819
Hedonic	Using the shoes' AR app is fun	00	0.815
Motivation	The AR content makes the shoes' AR app enjoyable	.00 3	0.766
HIVI	Using the shoes' AR app is very entertaining	5	0.772
Habit	Using AR or face filters features in apps is a habit for me	80	0.902
Н	AR or face filters features in apps are very important to me	.09	0.851
	Using AR or face filters in apps has become natural to me	Ū	0.85
Effort Expectancy	Learning how to use the AR functionality on this app is easy for me		0.802
EE	It was clear how to use the AR features of the app	.84	0.755
	I find it easy to use apps with AR features	8	0.819
	It is easy for me to become skillful at using the AR feature of the app		0.818
Innovativene ss	It is easy for me to become skillful at using the AR feature of the app		0.818
Ι	If I hear about a new app, I will look for ways to experiment with it	.83 9	0.757
	Among my peers, I'm usually the first to try new apps	-	0.840
	I like to experiment with new apps		0.804
Behavioral Intention	Given a chance, I intend to use the AR features of an app when e-shopping		0.721
BI	I plan to continue to use these kinds of AR features in the future	.91	0.736
	I have the intention to use AR features when e-shopping	1	0.729
	I will always try to use the AR features when e-shopping		0.747

TABLE 2EXPLORATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS

	CR	AVE	MSV	MaxR(H)	PE	Ш	Н	BI	EE	Ι
PE	0.915	0.683	0.578	0.921	0.826†					
HM	0.887	0.724	0.508	0.897	0.713^{***}	0.851				
Η	0.897	0.744	0.295	0.898	0.328^{***}	0.350***	0.862†			
BI	0.925	0.756	0.578	0.937	0.760^{***}	0.626^{***}	0.543***	0.8 7†		
EE	0.853	0.593	0.281	0.868	0.367***	0.455***	0.195*	0.374^{***}	0.77†	
I	0.862	0.676	0.362	0.872	0.438^{***}	0.412^{***}	0.450***	0.602^{***}	0.530^{***}	0.822†
Notes: CF	$\zeta = compos$	ite reliabilit	v: AVE = av	verage variance ex	tracted: $MSV = 1$	maximum shared	variance: MaxR	(H) = maximum	reliability: (H) a	$d \dagger = square$

 TABLE 3

 RELIABILITY, VALIDITY STATISTICS, AND CORRELATIONS

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TABLE 4FIT INDICES OF CFA MODEL

Measure	Abbr.	Estimate	Threshold	Interpretation
Chi-square/df	CMIN/DF	1.732	Between 1 and 3	Excellent
Comparative Fit Index	CFI	0.958	>0.95	Excellent
Standardized Root Mean	SRMR	0.049	< 0.08	Excellent
Square Residual				
Root Mean-Square Error of	RMSEA	0.059	< 0.06	Excellent
Approximation				
p-value of the null hypothesis	PClose	0.086	>0.05	Excellent

TABLE 5 STANDARDIZED PATH COEFFICIENTS

Predictor	Outcome	Std Beta	р	Remarks
Performance	Behavioral Intention	.530	.000	H1 Supported
Expectancy	BI			
PE				
Effort Expectancy	Behavioral Intention	-0.035	.572	H2 Not
EE	BI			Supported
Hedonic Motivation	Behavioral Intention	0.079	.298	H3 Not
HM	BI			Supported
Habit	Behavioral Intention	.236	.000	H4 Supported
Н	BI			
Innovativeness	Behavioral Intention	.249	.000	H5 Supported
Ι	BI			