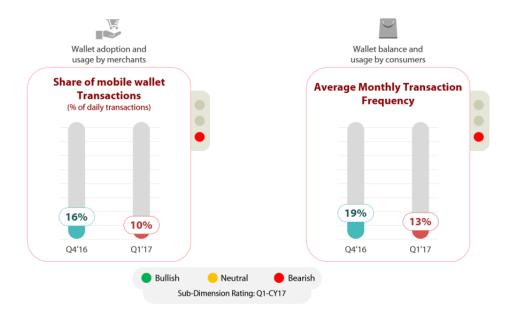


Mobile Wallets Stories:

Offline merchants continue to accept wallet payments but consumer preference for wallets has declined post re-monetisation.

Demonetization had forced huge swathes of consumers to quickly adapt to the digital wallets lifestyle. But post re-monetization, consumers are back to their beloved cash- as indicated by a fall in average wallet balance as well as average # of wallet transactions per month per consumer. Yet, it is not all bad news, as indicated by the continued high willingness of merchants to accept wallet payments.



Demonetization in November spurred greater wallet adoption from both customers and merchants: RedSeer research shows that amongst offline, small-time merchants, only 55% of currently active merchants were actively accepting wallets before demonetization, with the rest joining the bandwagon post-Nov 2016. Amongst customers, 36% of currently active customers reported becoming active only post demonetization.

However, wallet players need to significantly upgrade user experience to ensure long-term stickiness: RedSeer research throws up significant user experience gaps with wallet usage, for both customers and merchants. While customers are unhappy with the *poor ease of wallet usage* and the *low cashbacks on offer*, pain areas for merchants include the *high commission rates*, *poor merchant support* and *slow app Uls*. Players need to rapidly resolve these issues to prevent a movement of users to other fast evolving platforms like bank wallets.

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