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HOSPITALITY MARKETING AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Recovery Starts Now

Finally, the travel industry is starting to show positive signs. More than 80% of consumers believe travel will resume by Summer or Fall 2021. Every hotel, restaurant, and attraction in your market will be vying for the same dollar and the same demand. Your property needs to have the right strategy, the right messaging, and the right marketing partner.

And with Braintrust, you will.



VACCINATION NATION

19.9% of Americans have received a Covid-19 vaccine and 82.8% are "likely" or "completely likely" to get the vaccine as soon as available.

(As of 03.13.2021)



READY TO GO

23.5% of consumers expect travel to resume by Summer 2021. 59.9% expect it to resume by September 2021.



ROAD TRIP

67% of consumers plan to travel within their state at least once per quarter when travel resumes.



IMPROVING FINANCES

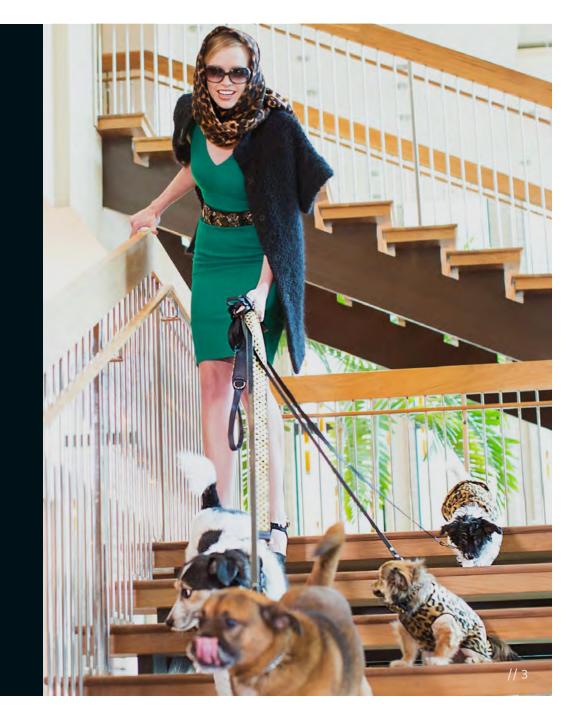
Despite the pandemic, **54%** of consumers are "living comfortably" or "not at all" worried about their finances.

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A Proven Partner in Hospitality Marketing

We are Braintrust, an integrated creative and marketing agency that specializes in travel and hospitality. Since 2006, we've had the privilege of working with clients of all types and sizes, in 26 states and 6 countries. Braintrust works as an extension of your in-house marketing team to deliver creative solutions to re-energize your brand, reconnect with your guests, and drive results in the age of the new normal.

We get it, and we get it done.



How We Can Help

Modern consumers have the attention span of a squirrel jacked up on a double espresso. As the travel industry reignites, your property needs marketing support that is swift and smart. As travel and hospitality marketing specialists, we can immediately integrate with your business and be a nimble and dynamic partner that supports your business with the following services:



Public Relations & Social Media

Branding & Creative Design



Experience with Soft Brands and Managed Brands

Since 2006 Braintrust has worked with independent hotels, major brands, and soft brands including Preferred Hotels, Curio Collection, Autograph Collection, Tribute Portfolio, and is an approved Marriott agency. We have supported brand marketing initiatives on both a corporate and property-level with leading hotel management companies including Aimbridge, Interstate, Pyramid, Crescent, and Remington, and represent hotel assets owned by major private equity and development firms.

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Relevant Experience



THE VENETIAN RESORT
Creative Design



THE GALLIVANT TIMES SQUAREBrand Development, Social Media,
Public Relations, Collateral, Website



HAYES MANSION SAN JOSE, CURIO COLLECTION Brand Positioning, Creative Design, Public Relations



DALLAS HIGHLAND, CURIO COLLECTION Brand Positioning, Collateral, External Marketing



COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG RESORTS
Brand Development, Creative Design,
Public Relations, Social Media



WOLFGANG PUCK Social Media, Digital Marketing, Creative Design



WALDORF ASTORIA CHICAGOBrand Strategy



CANVAS DALLAS HOTEL
Brand Development, Social Media,
Public Relations, Collateral, Website



LUXE CITY CENTER HOTELBrand Development, Social Media,
Public Relations, Collateral, Website



EL CORTEZ HOTEL & CASINOCreative Design, Media Buying,
Digital Marketing



THE DOMINICK NEW YORKBrand Development, Social Media,
Public Relations, Collateral, Website



ALLEGIANT AIRLINES
Creative Design, Social Media Strategy,
Experiential Marketing

Extensive Hospitality Experience

Independent / Soft-brand Hotels

Aliante Casino Hotel

Bardessono Napa Valley

Beeman Hotel Dallas

Cachet Boutique Hotel New York

CANVAS Dallas Hotel

Clementine Hotel & Suites Anaheim

Colonial Williamsburg Resorts

The Cosmopolitan Casino Resort, Las Vegas

The Dominick Hotel NYC

The Duke Newport Beach

Hotel Erwin, Venice, CA

Grand Orlando Resort at Celebration

Hayes Mansion San Jose

Highland Dallas Hotel, Curio Collection

Hotel Hendricks, New York

The Jung Hotel New Orleans

The London NYC

The LINQ Las Vegas

Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens, GA

Luxe City Center Hotel, Los Angeles

Morongo Casino Resort

New Haven Hotel, CT

New Orleans Hotel Collection

Oceana Beach Club. Santa Monica. CA

Platinum Hotel, Las Vegas

Roosevelt Hotel New York

Silverton Casino & Hotel

Stewart Hotel New York

Stratosphere Hotel & Casino

Tropicana Casino Resort

Venetian Casino Resort

The Wink Hotel, Washington D.C.

Hotel Yountville

Branded Hotels

Conrad Chicago

Courtyard by Marriott Manhattan Midtown

Crowne Plaza Dublin, OH

DoubleTree Downtown Los Angeles

DoubleTree Los Angeles Pomona

Hamilton, Crowne Plaza, Washington D.C.

Hilton New Orleans, St. Charles

Hilton Garden Inn Hollywood

Hilton Burlington

Hilton Phoenix Airport

Hilton Newark

Holiday Inn LAX

Hyatt Sonoma

Hyatt Centric Ft. Lauderdale

Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa

Renaissance Hotel Las Vegas

Renaissance Hotel Reno

The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas

Sawgrass Marriott Resort

Sheraton Gateway LAX

Sheraton Los Angeles San Gabriel

Sheraton Nashville Grand

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown

Trump Hotel Las Vegas

Waldorf Astoria Chicago

Westin Alexandria, VA

Westin Las Vegas

Westin Washington D.C.

Westin San Diego

Retail / Attractions

Allegiant Airlines

Broadway at the Beach, Myrtle Beach

Wayne Newton's Casa de Shenendoah

Cowabunga Bay Waterpark

Downtown Las Vegas Events Center

Ethel M Chocolates, a division of MARS

Grand Bazaar Shops at Bally's Las Vegas

Interjet

Las Vegas Mob Museum

Las Vegas Sands Expo

M&M's World

Minus 5 Ice Lounge

Planet Fitness

Richard Petty Driving Experience

Squaw Valley Ski Resort

Sundance Helicopters

Tivoli Village

Thrive Private Aviation

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Vermont Convention Bureau

Food & Beverage

Barrymore Restaurant, Las Vegas

Bon Appetit's Vegas Uncork'd

Buca di Beppo

Chef Carla Pellegrino

Famous Dave's BBQ

Fearing's Restaurant, Dallas

Holstein's Shakes and Buns

House of Blues

LBS

Michelin Guide

Pink's Hot Dogs

Planet Hollywood

Protein House

Roti Modern Mediterranean

Stoney's Rockin' Country

Trader Vic's

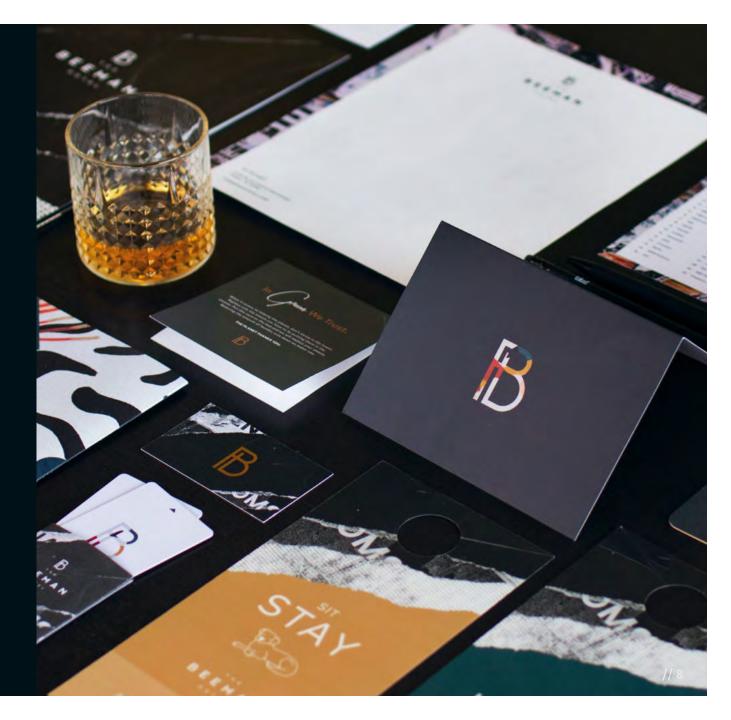
Wolfgang Puck

Xyience Energy Drinks

Your Brand is More Than a Logo

(But we do make great logos, we must say...)

Whether it's a new build, a transition, a restaurant, a hotel, or an integrated resort, when it comes to brand development, you're covered with Braintrust. We blend analytics with creativity to deliver on-point positioning, names, and visual identities that bring your brand to life.





Click to download our complete brand development portfolio

In-House Creative Design

From concept to completion, Braintrust offers a full in-house creative team. Whether it's brand development or banner ads, or anything in between, our team delivers a compelling creative vision on time and on budget with a scope of capabilites that includes:

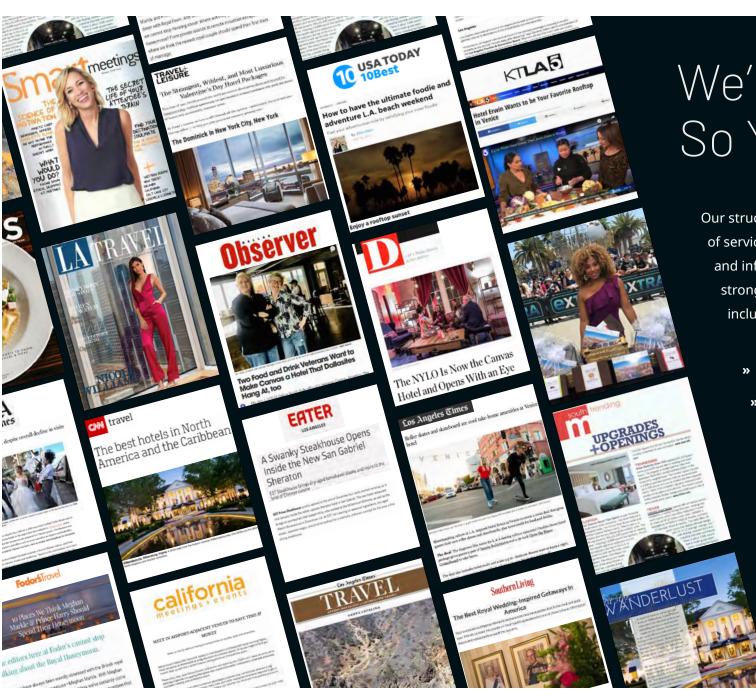
- » Branding & Concepting
- » Graphic Design
- » Photo / Videography
- » Illustration
- » Motion Graphics
- » Digital Design
- » Collateral Production



P.R. stands for Producing Results

On the phone, on the fly, and in the know, our public relations teams in New York, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas deliver enormous firepower to conduct aggressive and sustained public relations campaigns. Through our relationships with top editors and media influencers, our team delivers strategic, creative, and impactful P.R. campaigns that begin with strong strategic planning and culminate in monthly reports full of brag-worthy clips.





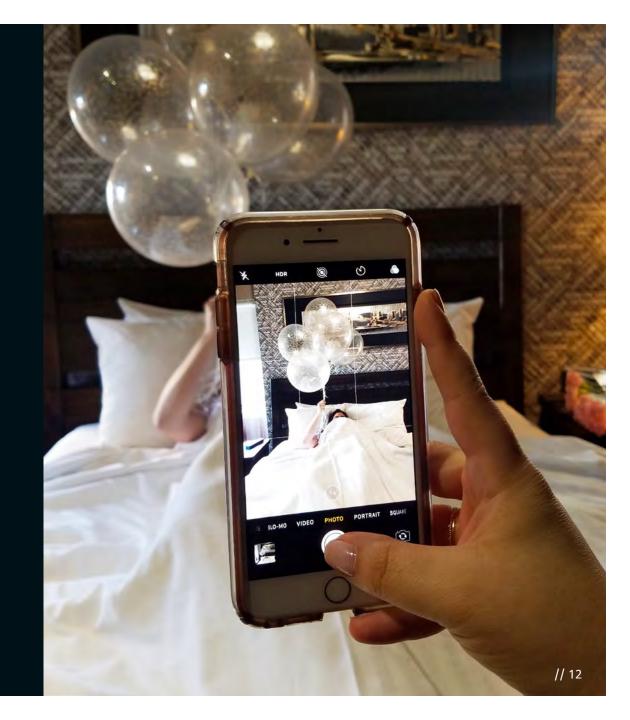
We're In the Know, So You're in the News

Our structured Public Relations campaigns includes a robust suite of services that ensures we deliver media coverage from top media and influencers on a local, regional, or national scale. Blending strong relationships with creative story angles, our PR services include:

- » Strategic Communications Planning
- » Proactive News Bureau, Pitching and Media Relations
- » Road Shows & Deskside Briefings
- » Partnerships & Promotions
- » FAM Trips & Media Visits
- » Stunt and Spectacles
- » Podcasts and New Media Outreach
- » Community Relations
- » Executive Media Training

Social Media Click. Like. Love.

The first Nevada-based agency recognized for Facebook marketing excellence, Braintrust offers comprehensive social media services with in-market content teams in key destination and gateway markets. With a KPI-centric approach to social media we look at strategy and creative messaging to drive audience growth, engagement, website traffic, and guest conversion.





DELICIOUS RESULTS: Braintrust created and executed social media and content strategy for Wolfgang Puck yielding dramatic audience growth.

Social Media Services

Everyone says that they "do" social media, but what does that mean? Braintrust structures our social media services to encompass a comprehensive, proactive online platform for your brand:

SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY

- » Comp set analysis
- » Channel evaluations
- Messaging strategy
- Cadence and frequency
- » Goal setting and audience growth
- » Tone and voice
- » Mood board and style guide

CONTENT MANAGEMENT

- » Content creation
- » Quarterly photoshoots
- Real-time special event coverage
- » Content calendars
- » Posting to multiple channels
- » Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- » Sourcing User Generated Content

LISTEN & RESPONSE

- » DM monitoring
- » Hashtag monitoring» Guest communication
- » Management alerts
- » Reputation management

CONTESTING & DATA CAPTURE

- » Contest concepts and ideas
- » Creative design
- » Execution
- » Adhere to platform T&C's
- Winner notification
- » Data capture

INFLUENCER MARKETING

- » Identify objectives
- » Target Influencers
- » Outreach and pitching
- » Formal agreements
- Partnership executions
- » Evaluation and analysis

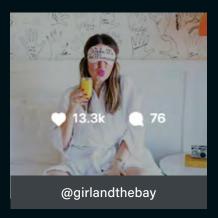
ANALYSIS & REPORTING

- » Monthly reporting
- » KPIs and top posts
- » Trends and YTD
- » Dashboard reporting
- » Comp set analysis
- Tech trends analysis

INFLUENCERS THAT MATTER: With a database of more than 100,000 social media personalities, we deliver qualified influencer partnerships.

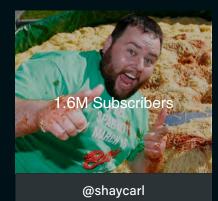
Influencing the Influencers

Combining our robust network of relationships with a proprietary database and methodical vetting process, Braintrust delivers influencers that matter, deliver the right message, and drive guest conversions.

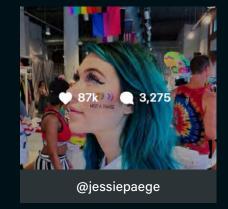












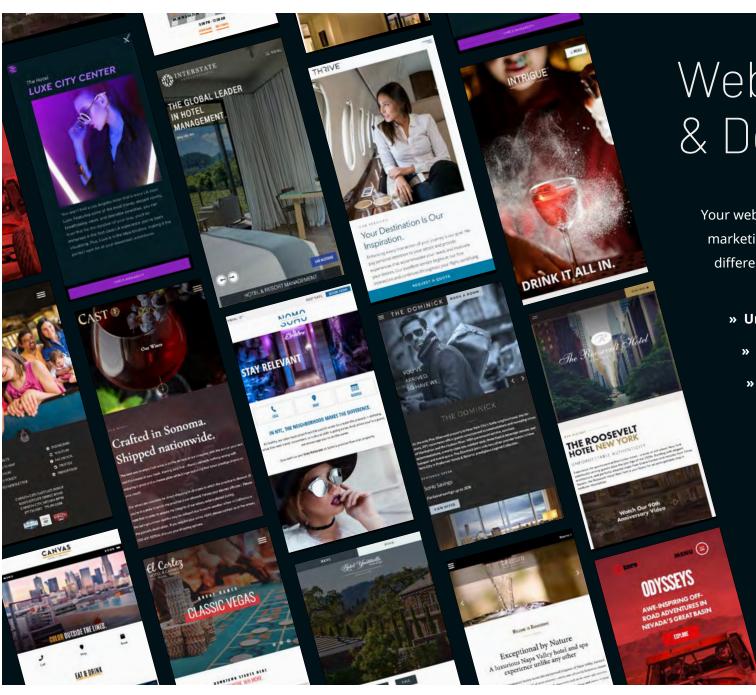
Creativity is our Domain

With an in-house team of interactive designers and developers, Braintrust can support your brand with a powerful website and online presence. From stunning design, cutting-edge development techniques, complete hosting solutions, site management, and Search Engine Optimization and Search Engine Marketing, Braintrust is a complete partner for your website needs.





Click to visit our website development portfolio



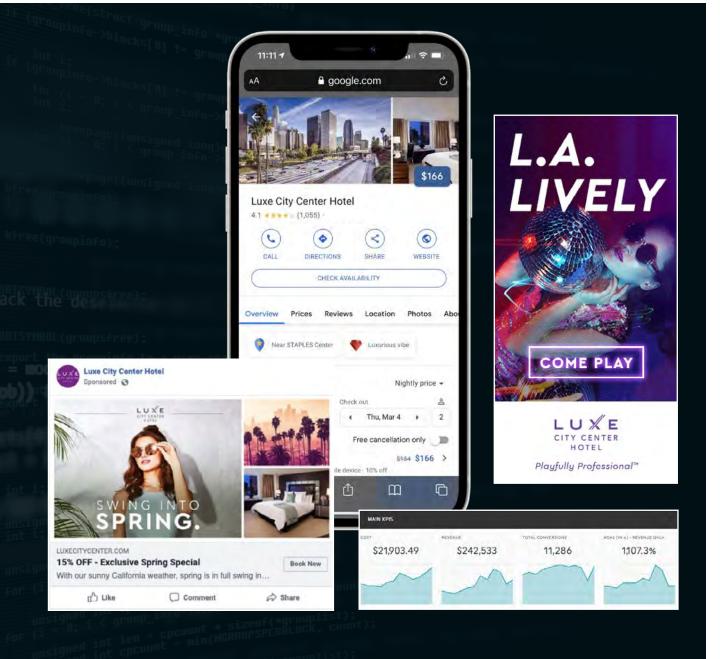
Website Design & Development

Your website is your digital showroom, and a crucial aspect of your marketing. As a true partner, Braintrust offers some important differences when it comes to creating your website:

- » Unique customized designs based on your needs
 - » In-house team of Developers, not outsourced freelancers
 - » We believe that your website belongs to you
 - » No proprietary coding platforms to "lock you in"
 - » Consistent human point of contact from start to finish
 - » Customized content management designed for your needs
 - » Regular updates and refinements to maximize SEO
 - » Complete hosting solutions
 - » Daily malware, site vulnerability, security scans and alerts

SEO, PPC, CTR, SEM Digital Marketing FTW

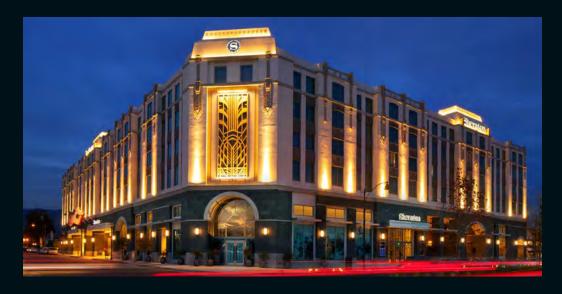
Today, more than 70% of travel decisions are made online and modern consumers will reference more than ten on-line sources before making a decision. With our proprietary DSP (Demand Side Platform) and DMP (Data Management Platform), Braintrust is able to hyper-target your customer and deliver the right message, at the right time through pay-per-click, meta, display, or social media paid digital advertising.



PR & Social Media Case Studies

Versatile and nimble, Braintrust can support hotel property marketing as a fully integrated partner, or focus on a specific area or project. We've worked with branded properties, independents, restaurants, attractions and more. Regardless of your situation, we've likely been there, but here are just a few of our success stories.

Sheraton Los Angeles San Gabriel



MARKETING SUPPORT FOR MARRIOTT'S "OPENING OF THE YEAR"

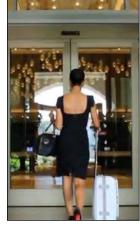
Sheraton hotels is known in China as the first luxury hotel brand to enter the market, but in the U.S. the brand was somewhat suffering from a lack of identity. When a developer chose to open an extremely upscale Sheraton property in San Gabriel, a quickly growing neighborhood on the outskirts of Los Angeles, Braintrust was tasked to support the marketing for the property and draw visitors to a hotel that was a challenging location for many regional, let alone national / international, visitors, as well as connecting with the local Asian community.

Braintrust delivered a marketing campaign that helped the property earn "Opening of The Year" accolades by Marriott International. The P.R. campaign yielded more than 50 media hits during the launch campaign, reaching 43.5 Million media impressions valued at \$208,669 in outlets such as The New York Times, World Journal, The Points Guy, Los Angeles Times, ABC 7 Eyewitness News, KTLA Morning News, Fox6 Now, LA Travel Magazine, and many others.



The AAA Four Diamond Sheraton San Gabriel was recognized by Marriott International as both its "Opening of The Year" and "Hotel of The Year" in 2018.







Showcasing innovative technology, TUG service robots proved to be a big hit with guests... and the media.



The hotel was designed to cater to the area's Chinese guests with familiar touchpoints: Congee at the breakfast buffet, signs in English and Mandarin, and slippers in each room.



Culturally relevant guest touchpoints were developed to enhance the experience and "surprise and delight" travelers.

Wolfgang Puck



WOLFGANG PUCK SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY

The Wolfgang Puck brand executes an international, high profile communications and social media strategy. Braintrust was enlisted to develop a holistic social media strategy for the entire Wolfgang empire and manage content for Wolfgang Puck's personal brand, as well as digital marketing for Wolfgang Puck Catering.

Managing a social media audience of almost 1M across multiple channels, Braintrust implemented a content strategy that increased Twitter impressions by 991%, Instagram engagement by 264%, and doubled audience engagement on Facebook. In addition, we supported various special events involving Wolfgang Puck, including his catering of the Academy Awards®, which included social media initiatives that drove a 3,857% increase in Instagram engagement and attracted more than 9,000 new followers over a one-month period.

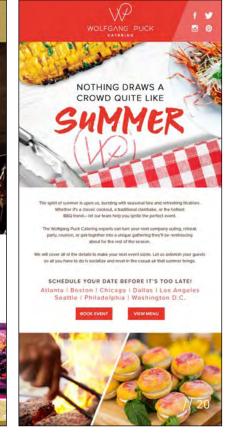












Colonial Williamsburg Resorts



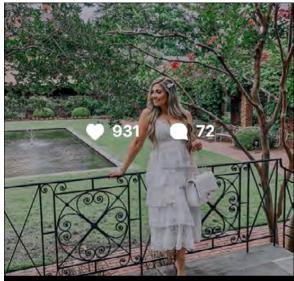
LAUNCHING SOCIAL MEDIA AT A HISTORIC RESORT

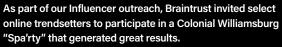
Braintrust worked with Colonial Williamsburg Resorts to launch the hospitality brand on social media with a focus on brand awareness, fan acquisition, and audience engagement.

With six hotels, over ten food & beverage outlets, golf, spa, and historic elements, there are numerous items to feature on social media outlets. Braintrust created a comprehensive social media strategy for Colonial Williamsburg Resorts that has grown from an audience of zero to one of more than twenty thousand, generating more than six million impressions, and over 60,000 engagements on Facebook, with Instagram pacing at 14,371% annual growth.

Additionally, Braintrust has organized and executed influencer market visits, the latest resulting in driving 1,273 visits to the Colonial Williamsburg website to book a specialty Spa package.



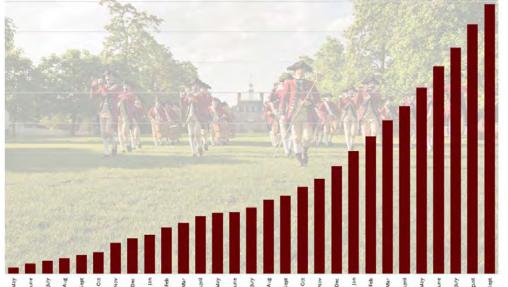


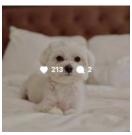






Exponential social media audience growth in the initial 24-months of the campaign.







Dallas Highland by Curio Collection



INTRODUCING THE FIRST CURIO COLLECTION HOTEL

The Highland Dallas was the first hotel to join Curio – A Collection by Hilton, a selection of one-of-a-kind properties that celebrate their individual personalities, while ensuring the quality and consistency that comes with a world-class brand. Braintrust was tasked with creating a comprehensive launch strategy for the hotel that included brand strategy, creative design, public relations and social media.

Within a four-month launch period, Braintrust secured placements in local, regional, and national media outlets including, FD Luxe, Dallas Morning News, Zagat.com, CultureMap Dallas, D Magazine, Modern Luxury, Yahoo.com and more. USA Today's "10 Best" also recognized the new hotel as one of Dallas' top hotels in an overall P.R. campaign that yielded 337 Million media impressions valued at more than \$600k in media value.









THE 7 BEST STAYCATIONS IN DALLAS

PUBLISHED ON 7/21/2015 BY DAVID MAEZ

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Why leave town to go on vacation when you could stay put and enjoy an epic staycation? Sure, it's hot as hell here, but that's what rooftop pools and frozen margaritas are for. While others are dropping thousands of dollars vacationing in some exotic location you'll be saving money and your sanity right here at home. Here are the seven best hotel staycations in Dallas.





Canvas Dallas Hotel



INTRODUCING CANVAS DALLAS HOTEL

An on-trend boutique hotel property in the vibrant Cedars District of Dallas, a 76-room property was transitioning from the NYLO brand to an independent. Braintrust was engaged to develop a new name, brand, and then bring the brand to life with a robust marketing campaign. The result was the art-inspired CANVAS Dallas Hotel.

Within months of launching the hotel, Braintrust had secured more than 50 pieces of coverage across travel, food and beverage, meetings and conventions, and lifestyle outlets, achieving the objectives to create buzz about the hotel in local, regional, and national media including VOGUE Australia, USA Today, PaperCity Magazine, D Magazine, Dallas Observer, and many others.

Additionally, Braintrust worked with the CANVAS team to create elements that would generate buzz on social media and traditional media outlets through creative and on-brand partnerships that provided authentic and unique experiences guests.













NYLO South Side got an art-centric makeover - and Socia Bar is looking better than ever.

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It was a brisk Thursday night when a friend and I arrived at the grand opening party for the new Canwa Hotel in the Cedars. We came in through a side door, nearly missing the official entrance where satin-gloved hands were doling out champagne from behind a gold curtain. Lucklij, it was hard to miss. Two photographers clade in positive's coveralls amound of ice of cuests as they explabed flutes.



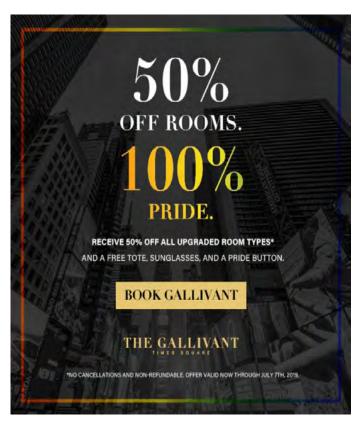
The Gallivant Times Square



CONNECTING A TIMES SQUARE BOUTIQUE HOTEL WITH NEW YORK PRIDE MONTH

In an effort to elevate Pride festivities at The Gallivant Times Square hotel, Braintrust worked with the hotel team to put together a compelling Pride room sale package complete with a complimentary Gallivant tote bag, water bottle, custom Pride button, and Pride sunglasses. We promoted this on social media with organic posts, boosted posts, deployed multiple e-blasts, and ran the offer via Sojern display ads. The offer generated 97 rooms nights and yielded more than \$20k in direct revenue.

In addition, we partnered with LGBTQ+ influencer Jessica Paege who posted about her stay at the hotel during Pride. The influencer helped elevate The Gallivant's social media engagement by 569%, and yielded a 16,600% increase in Instagram followers during Pride month, effectively connecting The Gallivant with the LGBTQ+6 community.









Design Examples & Creative Portfolio

With an award-winning team of in-house designers, Braintrust delivers robust creative support from digital to print to video. Adapt at adhering to brand standards of major brands, or forging the creative direction for independents, we bring compelling creative solutions to support your marketing needs.



THE GALLIVANT TIMES SQUARE: BRAND DEVELOPMENT



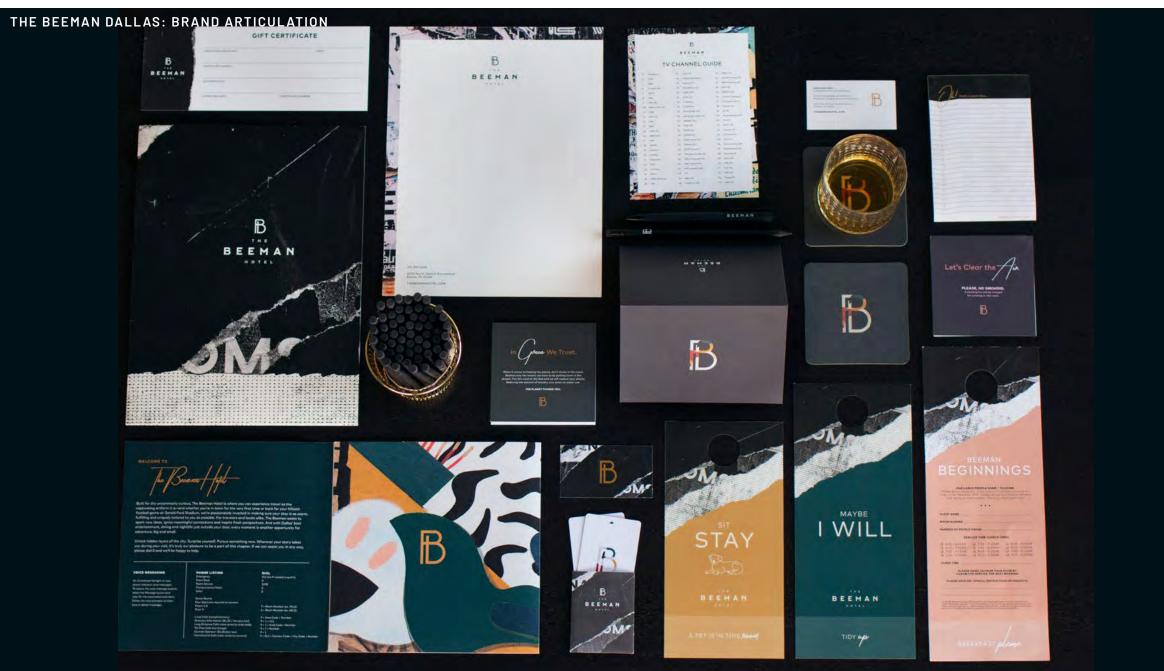












WOLFGANG PUCK WEDDING CATERING SALES BROCHURE





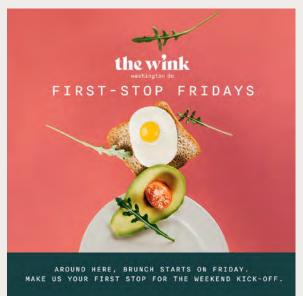




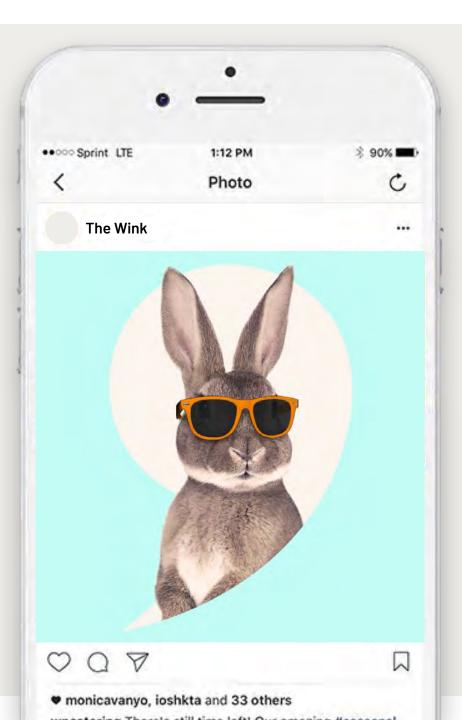
THE WINK D.C. HOTEL SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS











COSMOPOLITAN RESORT SALES BROCHURE



THE VENETIAN RESORT IN-ROOM MAGAZINE



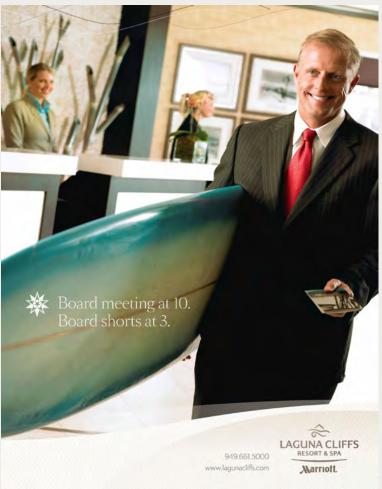


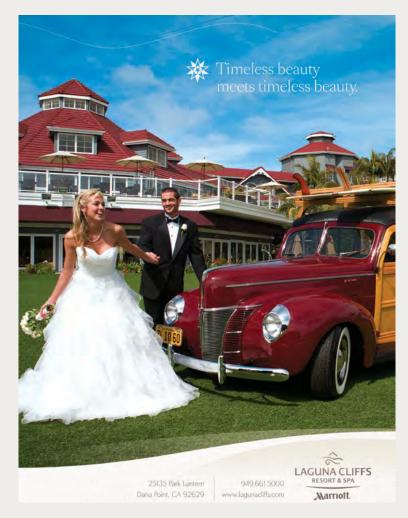




ADVERTISING: LAGUNA CLIFFS MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

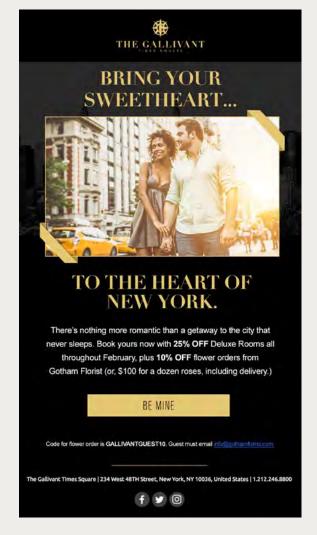




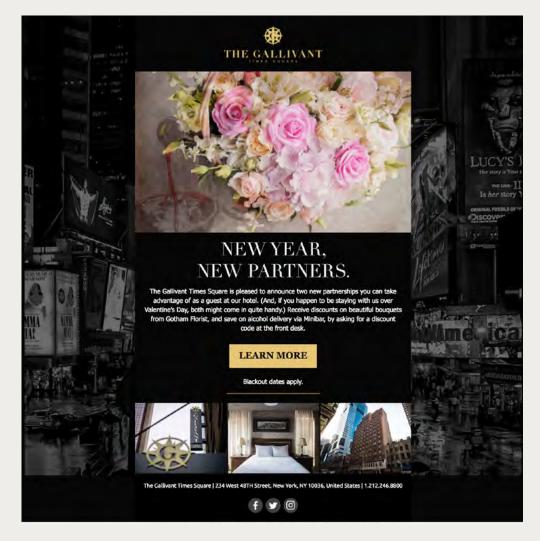














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