



WHO ARE WE?

mcgregor | graham is a Denver-based advertising agency specializing in entrepreneurial clients.

Our principals have international advertising agency and global consulting backgrounds, and have built the agency with the mission to bring traditional advertising and marketing fundamentals to privately-held companies.

WHAT DOES SPECIALIZING IN ENTREPRENEURIAL CLIENTS MEAN?

Our company has been designed to work in very defined business sectors. We all have entrepreneurial backgrounds and a unique understanding of developing advertising and marketing for small to mid-tier businesses.

WE SPECIALIZE IN:

- Newly acquired businesses
- Small to mid size businesses
- Start-ups
- Companies seeking funding
- Companies without in-house marketing departments
- Advertisers dealing direct with the media

WHAT DO WE DO?

We are a full-service advertising agency offering Strategic Planning, Branding, Institutional Advertising, Direct Marketing and Digital support. All our recommendations include in-depth strategic planning, creative, and media assessments, guaranteeing clients a professional product.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

Leveraging 20 years of "Big Agency" training and Fortune 500 client experience, we apply processes that, until now, have been unavailable to small and mid-tier companies.

THE AGENCY'S APPROACH INCLUDES:

- Defining the company's Brand Characteristics
- Defining the company's Unique Selling Proposition (USP)
- Profiling its Target audience
- Analyzing its competition through a thorough (SWOT) analysis
- Developing the "Reasons Why" customers should choose the company over its competition.

With that foundation in-place, we make recommendations as to what media options offer the optimum Return-on-Investment opportunities, ensuring clients are communicating the right messaging, to the appropriate market targets, while utilizing the most cost efficient methods.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

We have created Trademarked and Copyrighted processes that translate complicated, expensive, and time-consuming traditional agency systems to easily understood, incredibly affordable, and relatively streamlined application to entrepreneurial businesses.

These systems ensure small to mid-size companies receive the same kind of attention as large national and international Fortune 500's.

WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER US?

Advertising and marketing counsel for small to mid-size companies typically include freelancers, small shops that have expertise in only limited media verticals, or hybrid "agency" organizations that promote full-service, but lack the formal training and client experience that is found in "Big Agencies".

mcgregor | graham is designed to bring true full-service agency resources to the small and mid-tier entrepreneurial marketplace through an innovative and proprietary adaptation of "Madison Avenue" processes and practices.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

The agency has created an "Informational Guide™" designed to surface detail on your specific company, its Brand, your past advertising and marketing efforts, and those options you are currently considering.

Our senior staff reviews your responses and then initiates an internal study of your competition, your Brand, and it's Positioning in the marketplace, resulting in a variety of observations.

We then meet with you to discuss those observations and give insight as to "what we would do if it were our business".

All of this is done at no cost to you.

ENTREPRENEURS ARE A SPECIAL BREED AND REQUIRE A SPECIAL KIND OF AGENCY...ONE THAT THINKS LIKE AN ENTREPRENEUR.

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INFORMATIONAL GUIDE™

In an attempt to safeguard any information considered proprietary, please note that all information disclosed in this form will be protected under the Non-Disclosure / Confidentiality Agreement, attached to the back of this Information Guide. The NDA agreement is executed the moment the Information Guide is submitted in digital form, via mail, or in person.

Date:

Client:

STEP 1-BUSINESS PLAN

1. What is the stated business concept?
2. What is required to financially execute against the concept (i.e. \$250,000 in start-up capital; \$100,000 in floor plan financing; \$250,000 in reserve capital; \$200,000 per month in Gross Sales Volume; 15% Net Profit)?
3. What is required to operationally execute against the concept (i.e. Staff, space, etc)
4. Is this a new idea or have you been able to lever an existing business models?
5. How long have you been in business?
6. Do you have a senior management team?
7. How involved are you with the day-to-day?

8. How involved are your attorneys and accountants?
9. Is your business cyclical (stipulate seasonal peaks and valleys)?
10. What was your last fiscal year's volume (optional)?
11. What is your current year's estimated volume expectations (optional)?

STEP 2-BRAND CREATION PROCESS™

The Brand Creation Process™ includes a formalized approach to identifying distinguishing characteristics of the product; its exclusive position in the marketplace; the target profile; and the most appropriate method of selling. Brand Creation is a required step in refining implementation and ensures specificity in communication when competing for the market's attention. Our proprietary Brand Creation Process™ represents a proven process in crystallizing the marketing and advertising sequence.

1. The Attributes: What the Brand is – What are the physical, functional components?
2. The Benefits: What the Brand does – What are the results of using the Brand?
3. The Values: How does the Brand make your customers feel?
4. The Personality: If the Brand were a person or a car, who or what would it be?
5. The Brand Essence: What are the sum of the characteristics?
A descriptive, motivating statement
6. Define Your USP: What makes your company's brand unique?

7. Identify Your Target Profile:

Age / Gender?

Income?

Psychographics / Lifestyle?

Geography?

8. Who is Your Competition?

COMPETITOR #1:

9. Strengths/Weaknesses/Threats/Opportunities (SWOT)

Strengths

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats

COMPETITOR #2.

Strengths

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats

COMPETITOR #3

Strengths

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats

10. What are the written descriptions associated with your Brand?

11. What graphic treatments are associated with your Brand?

STEP 3-MARKETING CHANNEL ASSESSMENT

Once the Brand is defined, a thorough review of the marketing channels is critical in plotting the success of the execution. Understanding how each of the target sectors choose to learn about the product, and ultimately, commit to purchase is imperative in building the marketing strategy. An assessment of competitor’s strategies and also, a diagnostic of all potential consumer intersections provide an evaluation matrix as to that approach which will yield the maximum ROI

1. How do you currently market your product?

2. Do any of your competitors market differently?

3. What traditional or “Institutional” advertising mediums do you currently utilize (i.e. television, radio, newspaper, billboard, etc.)?

4. What Direct Marketing programs do you utilize (i.e. mail, point-of-purchase, telemarketing, ecommerce, referral, etc.)?

5. What analytical tools do you use in gauging advertising efficiencies?

6. Do you have a "Rewards" program or any form of building customer loyalty in place?

7. Do you have a relational database which allows you to perform in-house "data pulls" with the capabilities of tracking and analyzing sales and marketing data?

8. What percentage of your annual sales volume do you allocate to advertising?

9. Do you have a Public Relations Plan?

10. What percentage of your annual sales volume do you allocate to Public Relations?

STEP 4-WHAT ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OPTIONS ARE YOU CONSIDERING UTILIZING IN THE FUTURE?

After understanding those marketing channels that currently drive awareness and volume, reviewing additional opportunities is critical. Most all media can be quantitatively and qualitatively analyzed based on Cost per Thousands (CPM's) research; Reach and Frequency yields; Residual Brand Benefits; Customer Relationship Management (CRM) protocols; and budgeted ROI expectations. With that in-mind, please list those options you have considered.

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Thank you for sharing information about your company. **mcgregor | graham** values your confidence in our group and will not disclose any information deemed proprietary. All responses of a confidential nature will be covered in our Non-Disclosure / Confidentiality Agreement below.

It is our intent to study your business and your competitive marketplace; append this "Informational Guide™" with our comments; and meet with you to discuss how we might be of assistance in helping you build a methodical plan in supporting your advertising, marketing, and digital communications goals. We will assign an Account Supervisor to you who will contact you to discuss further.

Again, thank you. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

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For questions, please contact:
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Confidentiality: The Client acknowledges that confidential and/or proprietary information may need to be disclosed in the above Informational Guide™.

Accordingly, they agree as follows:

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ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

William J. McGregor

By: William J. McGregor, Managing Partner
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