# CREATING A 21st CENTURY CANNABIS BRAND













































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# interesting Six challenging years later... exciting













HARVEST





























#### WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

Cannabis is hard

Cannabis clients have special needs

Move at a different pace

Different budget expectations

Regulatory and compliance issues

#### WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

Coming out of the shadows

Applying the lessons we've learned

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BUILDING CANNABIS BRANDS





## A BRAND IS NOT







\$80E

\$10B

FIXED ASSETS

**BRAND** 

## 

# Drand Species









**Ground Work** 

Your business
Defining the problem
Your ambition

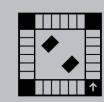




**Springboard** 

The extent of your ambition
Shocking the world
The next steps





The Marketplace

Your unique product
Your typical consumer
Your major competitors





**Narrative** 

Finding the stage
Writing the story
Presenting it in the best way





Messaging

Finding the words that define you
Creating the message you want conveyed
Identifying your stye

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# WHO YOU ARE and who you want to be?

FOR AND AGAINST?



## WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO

And what are their needs and wants?

OWN ABLE AUDIENCE





## HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT

to the consumer in the marketplace?

**POSITIONING** 



#### **BUILDING YOUR BRAND**

## AUTHENTICITY

Logo

Visual Identity

Product Form Factor

Packaging

Website

Advertising

PR

Social

Events

**Trade Shows** 

**Product Quality** 

Influencers

Endorsements

Sponsorships

Retail Experience

Social Media

Swag

Sales Collateral



#### **DESTROYING YOUR BRAND**

## INAUTHENTICITY

Waste

Excess

Arrogance

Disorganization

Dishonesty

Not paying your bills

Shortcuts

Inconsistency

Unfair labor practices

Lax quality control

Sexism



The right time to think about your building your brand is

## EARLY AND ALWAYS.

## BRANDING IS AN INVESTMENT.



## CANNABIS IS HARD.



#### **BRANDING CHALLENGES**

Built by activists

Driven by word of mouth

Audience is active

Tastemakers -> Gatekeepers

#### **BRANDING LIMITERS**

No paid social

Limited advertising

Limited distribution

No sampling

Budtenders gateway

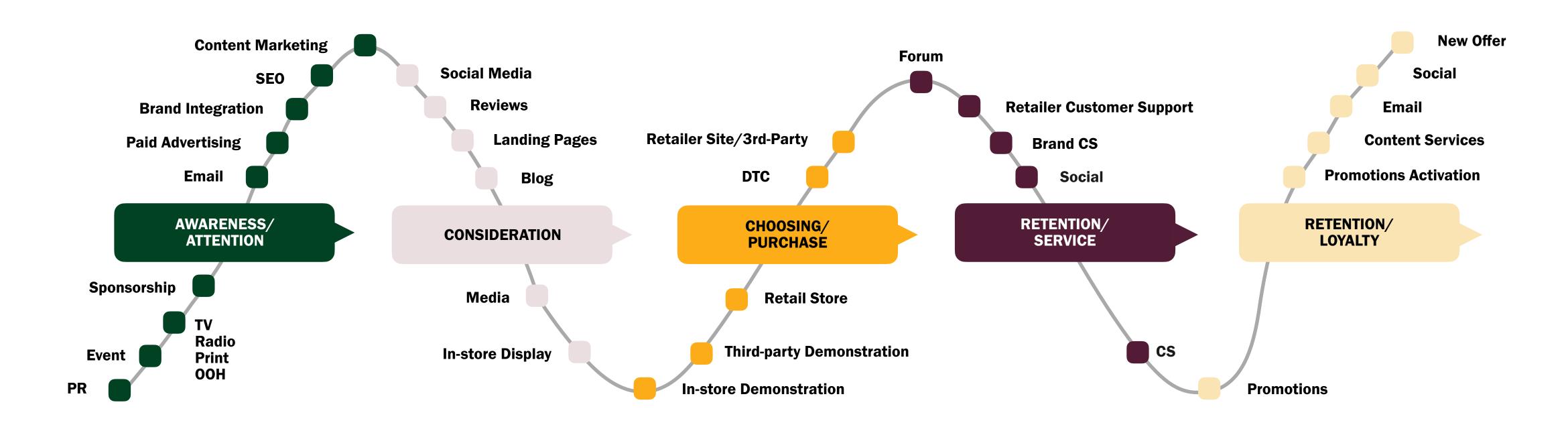
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# JOURNEY MAP

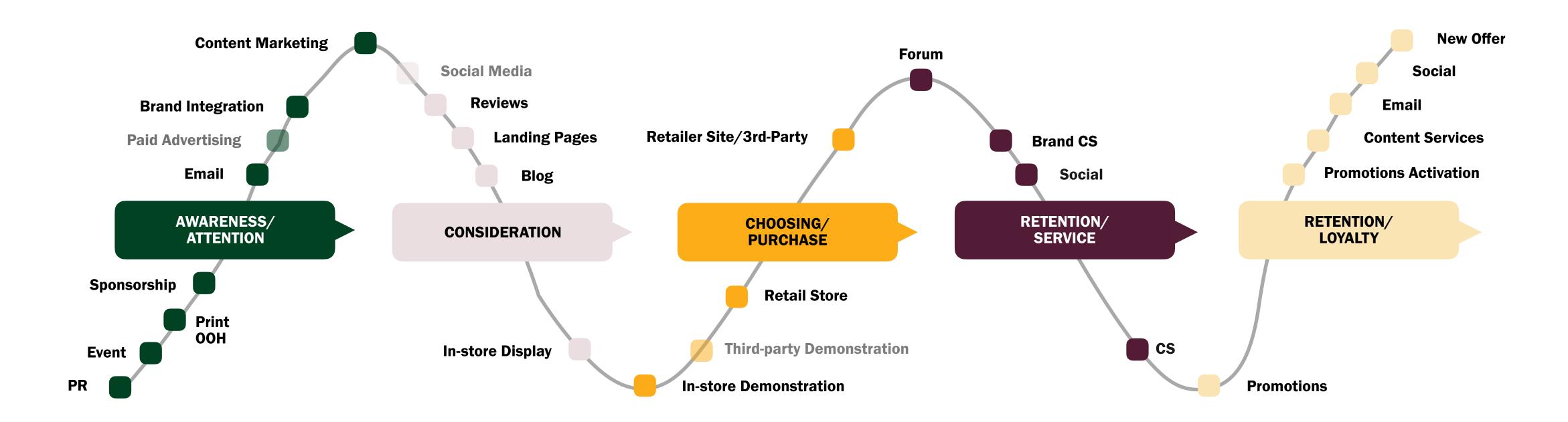
#### **DIGITAL TOUCHPOINTS**



#### PHYSICAL TOUCHPOINTS

# CANNA-JOURNEY MAP

#### **DIGITAL TOUCHPOINTS**



#### PHYSICAL TOUCHPOINTS

## 5 TOUCHPOINTS BEFORE YOU BUY

Packaging

Form factor

Budtender

Collateral

Price

## 5 TOUCHPOINTS AFTER YOU BUY

Unpacking experience

Social

Education

Loyalty

Quality of Product/Experience



#### There are some cannabis companies that are

#### OFF TO A GOOD START.







**PACKAGING** 



CONVENIENCE



**GIVING BACK** 



**BUDTENDER FAVORITE** 











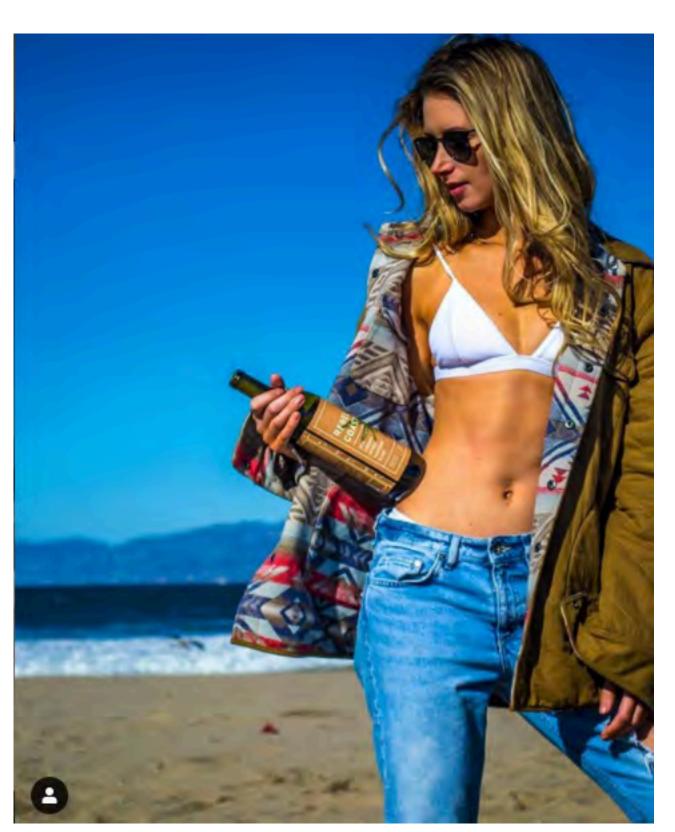
















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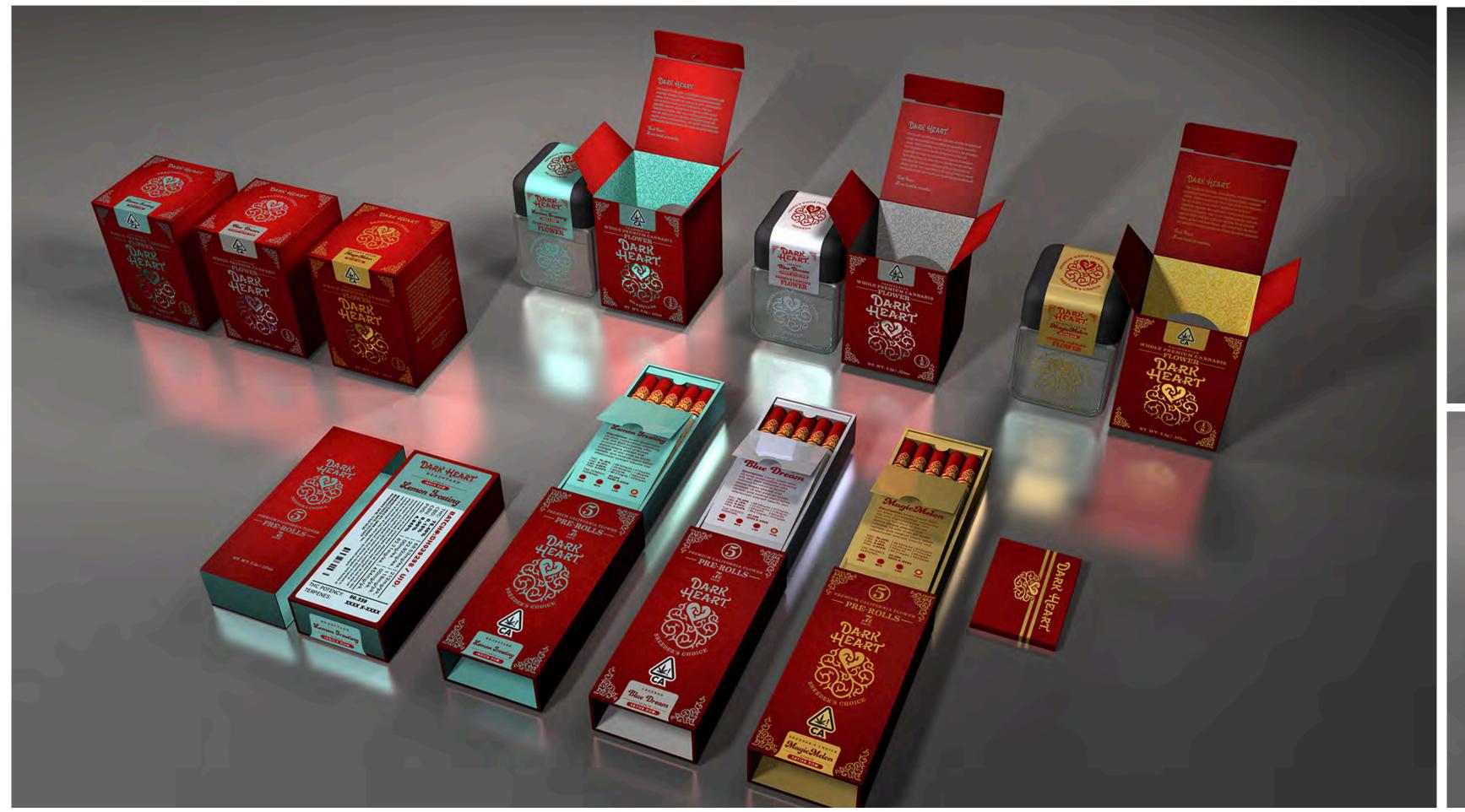
















### 5 KEY TAKEAWAYS

Brand is a continual investment
Every touchpoint matters
Know yourself
Find your difference

Find your north star.



## THANKS

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