Commercialising brand experiences

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Executive Summary

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How to move beyond sampling and five ways to generate revenue and immediate ROI from brand experiences.

- The importance of understanding your consumer and their shopping behaviour.
- Why you need to continuously remind your target audience of your product and brand values.
- The need to be culturally relevant.
- Combining product sampling with social media activity.
- The rationale for selecting launch retail partners.
- Considering different KPI's for measuring product launches in new channels.







6 PRINCIPLES FOR BRAND LAUNCH

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SPEAKERS



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MEET LÄRABAR





This is Lara, our founder

She's a big hiker. And very intentional about what she puts in her body.
She wanted a simple, real food bar that was a joy to eat. She couldn't find one so she made her own, and then shared it with the world. Lucky world





LARABAR

IS

FOOD MADE FROM FOOD

(real food)

ENLIVENS the SOUL

therefore

EVERYTHING WE DO WILL FEED THE SOUL WITH

GOOD THINGS

for the

MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT

and our intentions will be our filter for everything we do

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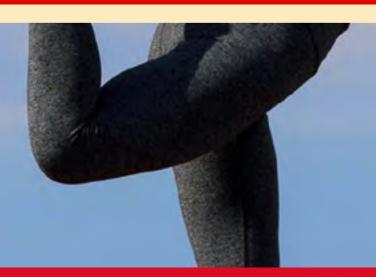
LEARNING & EXPERIENCING

INCLUSIVITY

CLEAN



The brand has strong values, purpose and a powerful story to tell





And it's ethos resonates with a modern tribe of UK consumers



Non-profit organisations | Self-employed or freelance | Health & wellbeing brands



Critical, purposeful and determined to find products that align with her values.

Top 3 Diets:

- Vegan
- · Free-from
- Vegetarian





'Recycle and reuse' mindset, combined with responsible purchasing



Curates multiple media channels to fuel her interests & curiosity.



Uses her free time to fulfil herself through inward betterment and outward connection.

Traveling • Outdoors • Cooking • Reading • Yoga • Hiking

OUR STRATEGY



Tell the target audience [mindful tribe] what we are [real food].

Prove we live our values [Mental availability]

Show up where they are.

[Physical availability]







We needed to engage a health conscious audience to pay attention to LARABAR.

Through creating brand love, making the brand relevant and seeding our food credentials, we would build credibility and authenticity with our audience.

We needed to inspire people to live more purposeful, intentional lives through clean eating, staying active and being mindful.







We needed to drive relevance and authenticity to lovers of healthy and natural snacking...

...ensuring that we were where our audience would be when they were in the right mindset.

We needed a brand platform that resonated with the health conscious consumer and work with partners and advocates that shared a similar outlook.

So we created...



LESS IS MOREISH







FOOD MADE FROM FOOD

Less is Moreish encompasses what the brand stands for – less ingredients, less nasties, less guilt means more tastes, more indulgence – so delicious that you'll want more.





TO BE CULTURALLY RELEVANT, WE NEEDED TO APPEAL TO OUR AUDIENCE'S PASSIONS



YOGA

MINDFULNESS

FASHION







FOR THE LAUNCH TO BE A SUCCESS WE NEEDED TO ACTIVATE WITH BOTH AGILITY AND IMPACT



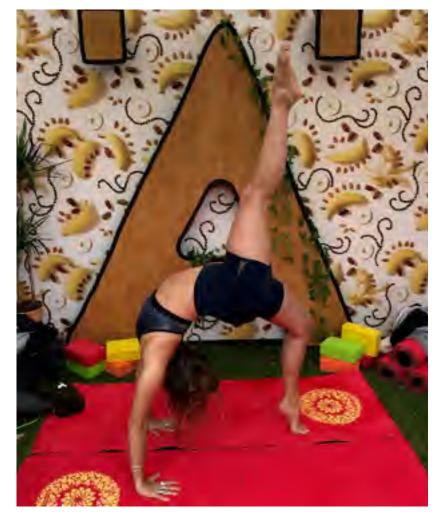
SAMPLING & PARTNERSHIPS



WANDERLUST

27th July 2019 Battersea





















WIDER PARTNERSHIPS



















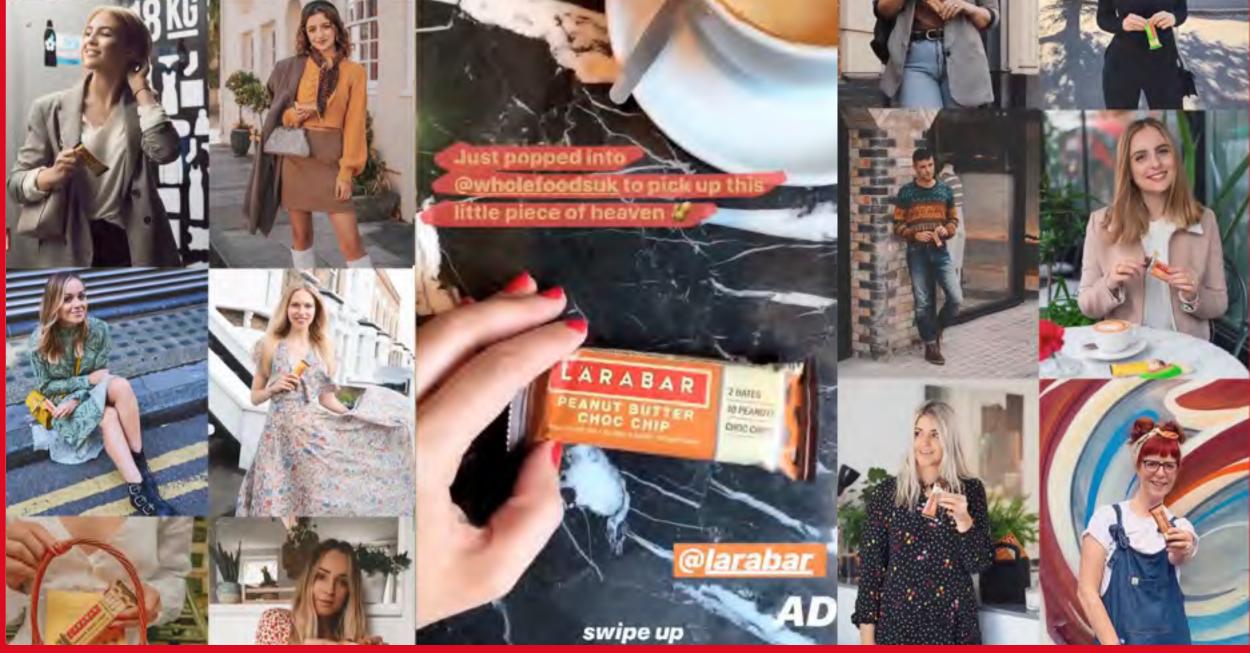


PR & SOCIAL



A TRUE INSTAGRAM-FIRST APPROACH WAS NEEDED TO SPREAD OUR MISSION





WE RECRUITED A LIKE MINDED INFLUNCER SQUAD



NATALIE GLAZE



FAT BUDDHA YOGA



MIND BODY BOWL



KIM HARTWELL



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INFLUENCER ACTIVITY











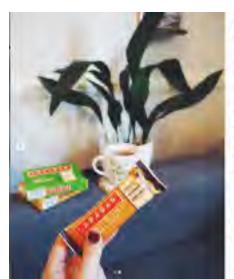


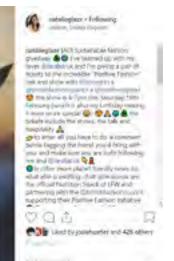












LAUNCH COVERAGE

The launch gained huge PR buzz, as leading media titles shared the news of the cult brand reaching the UK, with titles such as The Daily Mail, The Evening Standard and The Metro covering the news.



































CONSUMER TITLES...

Daily & Mail



Closer



Women's Health

22 Health Food Brands You Won't Want to Miss In 2019



WELLTODO



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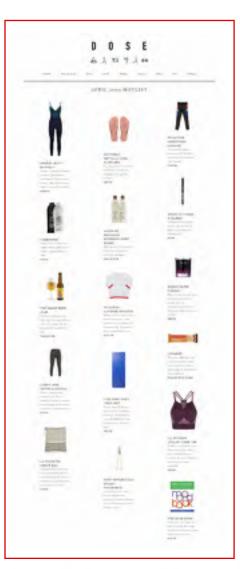


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...AND A FEW MORE













RETAIL



WE SUPPORTED OUR RETAIL PARTNERS





IN-STORE SAMPLING

Sainsbury's



WHSmith







WE EVEN CREATED A UNIQUE RETAIL OPPORTUNIY



THE FIRST EVER DIRECT TO CONSUMER PLATFORM FOR GENERL MILLS



LARABAR



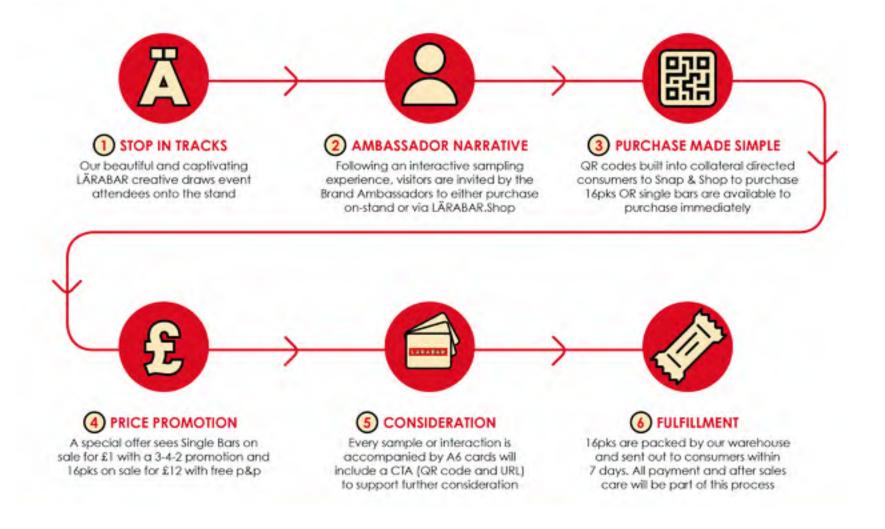
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THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY



SELLING 16 PACKS ONLINE

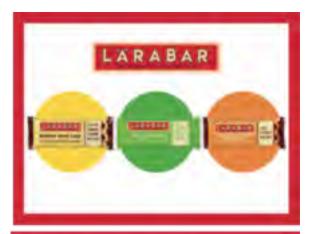
Plus post-event fulfilment

Campaign branded LÄRABAR.Shop website





Flyers directing customers to the site

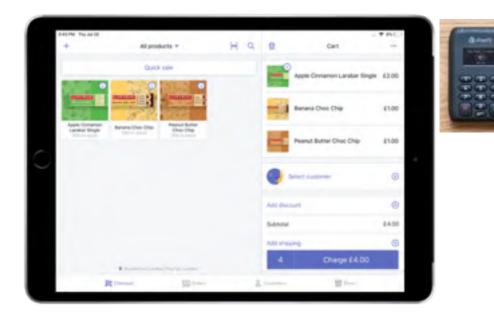




SELLING SINGLE BARS ON SITE

Plus on-site fulfilment

POS app for selling single bars with card reader



The platform created a unique popup retail solution, allowing us to sell a personalised and unique product offering, plus host tailored content specific to the campaign















LET'S RECAP





WHAT WE LEARNT



SIX EMERGING BRAND LAUNCH PRINCIPLES TO LEAVE YOU WITH

1.

2.

3.

START WITH YOUR CONSUMER AT HEART

LEAD WITH MISSION (WHERE APPLICABLE)

FEWER, DEEPER, BETTER (MONEY & ENERGY)

4.

5.

6.

PLAY THE LONG GAME

YOU CAN'T TREASURE
WHAT YOU
DON'T MEASURE

BE YOUR OWN
BRAND AMBASSADOR

QUESTIONS?



