#### The Private Brand Movement Analysis

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# **Program Overview**

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An integrated campaign crafted to drive leads and increase awareness of CompanyA's involvement in The Private Brand Movement Conference held in Chicago on September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. The campaign aimed to target those who were attending the conference (primary) as well as those who fit our target profile and whom may not be attending (secondary). Target category was primarily retail and grocery private brand.

The program centered around promotion of Carol Best's speech, 'Why Private Brands are Un-American,' and to drive lead capture through a sweepstakes. Sweepstakes were open to both attendees at the conference and online, and further incentive was given to those who entered online to visit the CompanyA booth, driving traffic.

Total registered attendance for the conference was 137

# **Executive Summary**

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The campaign was successful in driving traffic with our extended target and increasing awareness and engagement with the CompanyA brand message, however suggests for future conferences the campaign be scaled in accordance with the size of the conference.

- PPC was the largest traffic driver to the campaign landing page, driving 24.6% of traffic
- Social media (primarily Twitter) drove the most engaged and relevant audience
- Interest in Carol's speech was high and prompted the most action over sweepstakes promotions, driven through a combination of social media activity and email clicks
- Final registrations figures for The Private Brand Movement meant that actual target (conference attendees) was small and niche
- Opportunity in 2012 to improve conference presence with new booth and high impact, fact and value based, marketing message
- Recommend content driven, smaller scale campaign in 2012

### Pay-Per-Click Campaign Overall

Two week PPC campaign (Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 21th) targeted conference attendees and those looking for private brand services.

		Default						Avg.	
	Ad Group	max. CPC	Clicks	Impressions	CTR	Avg. CPC	Cost	position	
	Private Brand Conference	\$3.00	41	5,710	0.72%	\$2.34	\$95.91	4.5	
	Grocery Private Brands	\$5.00	0	0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	
	General Retail	\$5.00	11	2,346	0.47%	\$3.62	\$39.83	4.1	
	TOTALS		52	8,056	0.65%	\$2.61	\$135.64	4.4	
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**Observations:** 

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 Campaign resonated with the intended target, although very narrow, receiving the highest click through rate on the most relevant and targeted ad

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- Grocery Private Brands failed to drive traffic, probably due to ad copy and search terms not being tightly aligned
- Interest driven in General Retail ad was primarily through user search for 'Retail Brand Strategy', demonstrating there is market interest in this area

### **Email Overall**

Two emails sent one week apart (Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>)

- Email list rental with Private Label Buyer
- Target: Corporate Management of Supermarket Chains, Convenience Store Chains, and Mass Merchandise

List size – approximately 5,000

- Average Open Rate 8.86%
- Average Click Rate 0.34%

#### **Observations:**

- Lower than industry average click through rates most likely due to message targeting conference attendees
- Click through from email was equally driven by Carol's speech topic and sweepstakes
- Most clicked sweepstakes call out was on the bottom right of email, indicating they read the email in full and were exposed to the CompanyA message



## Social Media Overall

Two week Twitter campaign (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 21th) included targeted engagement with key attendees where available and corporate handles.

Account	No. of Tweets	Retweets	@ Mentions	Impressions	Extended Impressions
@CompanyAWorldwid					
e	59	20	20	30,680	29,417
@BrandSquare	40	14	3	85,200	12,994
@CompanyX	10	1	0	800	2,130
TOTALS	109	35			
AnthemWorldwide Anthem Worldwid Develop and deploy your #brands w See how they can help your private 21 minutes ago	Brand Square BrandSquare RT @AnthemWorldwide: Attending #PBM? Don't miss s Carol Best on "Why Private Brands are Un-American" bit #brands 12 Sep				

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#### **Observations:**

- Very engaged audience; followers responded very positively to push messages referencing Carol's name and speech title, @mention and retweeting with comments like 'Can't wait'
- Conference audience small; #PBM underused by the community at large CompanyA one of 3 handles regularly
  using the official hash tag #PBM
- CompanyA audience active and engaged with brand message
- BrandSquare community responded positively to retweet strategy further spreading CompanyA brand message
   and news on CompanyA's involvement
- Overall saw very positive response to speech topic and above average two way engagement with followers on all channels

### Landing Page

211 Total Visits
New Visitors – 171 (81%)
Returning Visitors – 40 (19%)

Top Traffic Sources
Pay Per Click – 52 (24.6%)
Twitter – 24 (11.4%)
Email – 17 (8.1%)

**Observations:** 

- Visitors were engaged with Carol's topic and person, downloading her bio 10 times
- Average time (04:48) on page is higher than CompanyA website average time on page (02:15)
- The combination of highly targeted and user centric channels like PPC and social (Twitter) was key to this campaign and it's ability to access the niche market. These channels produced the best traffic and CompanyA content engagement, not sweepstakes, results for the page
  - Visitors who came from Twitter or BrandSquare.com spent significantly longer on page than any other channel, suggesting a more engaged, highly targeted audience through social media



### At Conference

- Online Conference Ad
- Conference booth
- Cupcake giveaway
- Leave Behind & Conversation Cards
- Free giveaway USB drives with key collateral including white papers, brochures, case studies and "Thank You" letter from Barbara Glass

**Observations:** 

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- Conference attendance down from 2010 seemingly more competitors in 2011
- Large, engaged attendance at Carol Best's presentation
- Cupcake giveaway not permitted by hotel
- Leave behind and conversation cards well received
- CompanyA employees noted other booths better developed and "stood out" with strong branding, value proposition and sales driving messages in plain sight





#### **Sweepstakes Results**

Sweepstakes were open to both those who visited the online landing page and conference attendees through the CompanyA booth.

#### **Observations:**

- Leads were on target with key corporate influencers. Titles included: Global Packaging Engineering Lead, Senior Product Manager, Director of Branding & Design, Vice President Sourcing & Business Development
- Companies were of the caliber of those traditionally targeted by CompanyX Inc. including: Best Buy, Ralston Foods, Delhaize America, Sedesco, Inc.
- 50/50 success rate of entries online and at the conference
- Winner of the giveaway was Mr. Chuck Cohen of Sedesco, Inc., Vice President Sourcing & Business Development



### **Analysis and Recommendations**

Highly targeted marketing channels work

- Twitter provided the most awareness through impressions and reach of all channels
- Most active and engaged community outreach targeted key influencers in packaging and private brands, as well as key prospect companies. CompanyA engaged directly with conference participants and advocates
- Recommend to continue outreach on this channel and include in any future campaigns

Craft a broader message to engage a larger audience

- Message was primarily targeted at those attending the conference, to drive traffic and business
  opportunities to the CompanyA booth
- Recommend a broader message to capture a larger audience interested in private brand strategy and design services, and provide content on page to capture these people

PPC drives traffic – and opportunity

- PPC was the highest traffic driver to the landing page
- Demonstrated interest in CompanyA branding and strategy services by the marketplace
- Recommend to incorporate the retail ad and keywords into the general CompanyX PPC campaign

#### **Analysis and Recommendations**

#### Engage with content

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- Results indicate that an above average number of visitors clicked due to content (Carol's speech), rather than sweepstakes
- Recommend future opportunities provide high value content downloads over sweepstakes prizes as draw for lead generation. Example: copy of Carol's presentation emailed post conference for those not attending

#### Conference attendance and niche impacts success

- Conference attendance was small and niche- too highly targeted for the scale of this campaign
- Recommend to apply a smaller scale program for PMB conference for 2012
- Recommend to engage in conference planning earlier to plan and secure the largest impact
- Recommend a new CompanyA, high impact, custom conference booth for 2012