

# Keep your brand consistent—even when you're sprinting.

Built For Seed-Stage Founders And CMOs  
Managing Brand, Product, And GTM Under Pressure.



## BRAND GUIDE SNAPSHOT

This one-pager is your team's cheat sheet for staying visually and verbally aligned

### ✓ Brand Name & Product Name

- **Company Name:** [Startup Name]
- **Main Product Name(s):** [List core products/modules]

### 🎨 Logo Rules

- Primary logo: [insert sample or placeholder]
- Logo variants: [horizontal, stacked, favicon]
- Minimum size: [e.g., 120px width]
- Don't: stretch, recolor, or apply shadows
- Approved use cases: site header, pitch deck, investor emails

### 🌈 Colors & Typography

- Primary Color: #XXXXXX
- Accent Color: #XXXXXX
- Background Color: #XXXXXX
- Font Pair: [e.g., Inter (headlines), Lato (body)]
- Contrast ratio guideline: 4.5:1 minimum for text

### 🗣️ Brand Voice Overview

- **Tone:** Assertive but helpful. No jargon.
- **Keywords we use:** fast, clear, founders, MVP, clarity, validate
- **Keywords we avoid:** disruption, synergy, next-gen, "game-changer"
- **Messaging does:** Show empathy for founder chaos
- **Messaging doesn't:** Speak like a corporate brand or VC

## SOCIAL POSTING DOS & DON'TS

For LinkedIn, Twitter/X, and product launches



DO



DON'T

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share your founder journey authentically</li><li>• Use our core brand tone (confident, real, tactical)</li><li>• Tag team members, investors, and partners</li><li>• Follow post format: Hook → Insight → CTA</li><li>• Use image cards with the approved color palette</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post unreviewed decks or design screenshots</li><li>• Use meme formats without relevance</li><li>• Share investor updates publicly</li><li>• Use off-brand fonts or unvetted visuals</li><li>• Copy other startups' posts verbatim</li></ul> |
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## HEADSHOTS & DESIGN FILE MANAGEMENT

How to avoid version chaos and stale assets

### Headshots

- Style: Neutral background, high-res, square crop
- Update frequency: Once per year or after a major life/work update
- Use cases: Decks, PR, About page

### Design File Naming

- [StartupName]\_PitchDeck\_v1\_FounderUse
- [StartupName]\_ProductScreens\_Launch\_April25
- [StartupName]\_Logo\_Primary\_Color\_RGB
- Store all assets in: /Brand Assets Google Drive folder + Figma team library

## WHO SIGNS OFF ON WHAT

So the “final” version is final.

<i><b>Asset Type</b></i>	<i><b>Owner / Approver</b></i>	<i><b>Update Frequency</b></i>
Pitch Deck	Founder + Design Lead	Every new round
Website Homepage	Founder / Head of Growth	Monthly or major shift
Social Templates	Brand Lead	Quarterly
Team Bios	Each Member + Brand Lead	Bi-annually
Case Studies / Press	Founder + Marketing Lead	On publication



### Need Help Scaling This?

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