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STRATEGIC BRAND DEVELOPMENT, COPY & CONTENT OPERATIONS

A seasoned brand development and creative lead in the travel and tech industries.







About Me

industries.

A seasoned professional with over a decade of experience, I specialise in leading large-scale rebrands and global creative campaigns, developing and safeguarding brand infrastructure and tone of voice, and leading impactful communication strategies that deliver sustainable growth.

Notable accomplishments:

- between 2017 and 2022.

I'm a multi-lingual brand development & content

strategist specialising in the tech, travel and outdoor

• Successfully led teams of over 30+ people.

• Helped grow komoot's MAU numbers from 1 to 37 million

• Track record of delivering multi-year, multi-million-pound brand internationalisation projects.

Recent Projects







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VEELZY



Brand & launch strategy

BRINGING THE NEWEST SOCIAL CYCLING & NAVIGATION APP TO MARKET

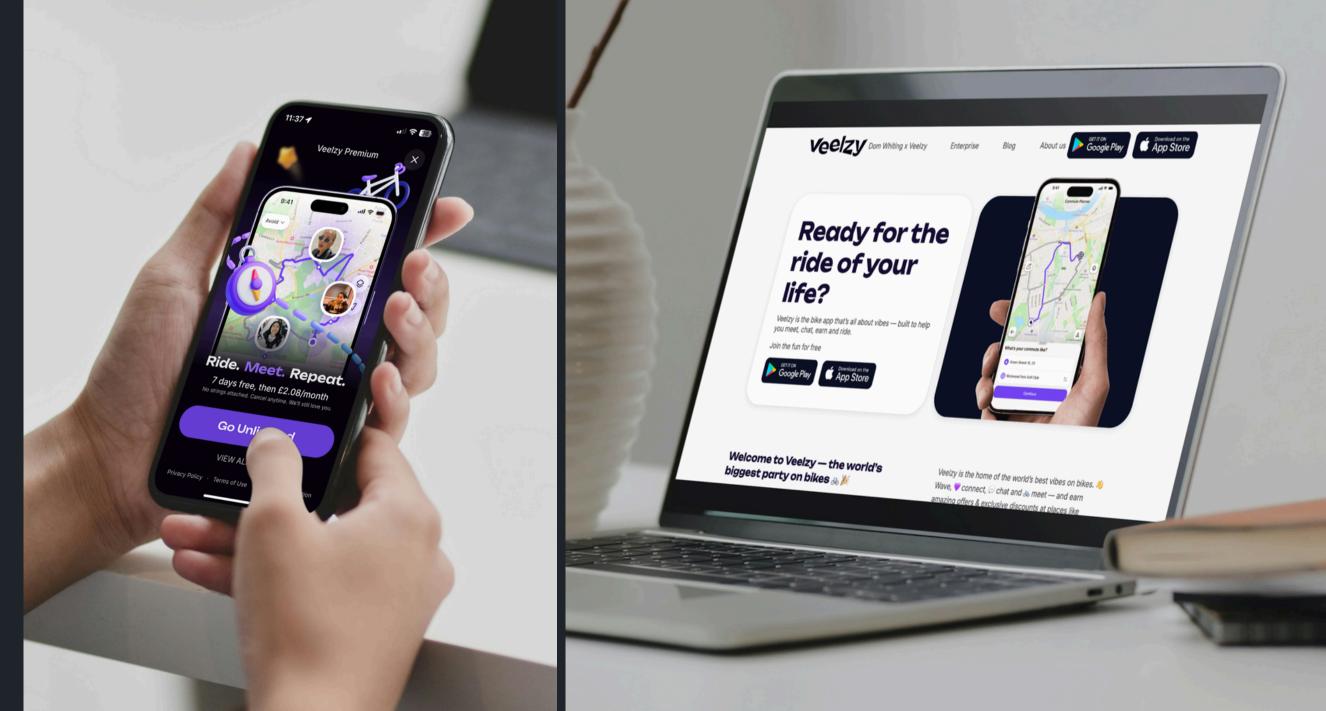


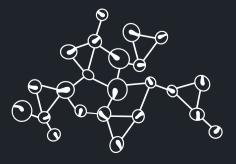
VEELZY

Project Overview

Bringing the biggest party on bikes to life

Delivering world-class routing and navigation for cyclists in cities, as well as connecting, rewarding and motivating everyone who travels on two wheels, Veelzy is set to become the world's biggest party on bikes. I was tasked with bringing this concept to life — and launching Veelzy to a community of thousands in London ready for Veelzy's series A investment round.







VEELZY



Established TOV

I built the entire Veelzy brand strategy, including all design guidelines, tone of voice packs and communications frameworks to pander specifically to a young Gen Z audience.

Launched apps & website

Together with designers and developers, I polished Veelzy's UX and launched the brand's flagship website, <u>veelzy.com</u>.

Executed launch event

I planned and executed London's biggest ever party on bikes, liaising with talent, media and content creators to deliver maximum impact — and to get Veelzy launched with a bang.

Acheivements

Defined strict guidelines

I coached the team on how to bring Veelzy's brand to life through solid design and impactful storytelling and implemented strict guidelines to protect consistency.

Launched app store presence

In line with the brand strategy, I also designed all of Veelzy's screenshots for the app stores and AB tested various descriptions for optimum ASO.

Scaled to over 10,000 MAU

Due to strategic investments in performance marketing and on-theground engagement with users through launch event, we successfully scaled Veelzy to over 10,000 MAU in under 6 months.

VEELZY **Case Study:** Launching Veelzy at London's biggest bike party

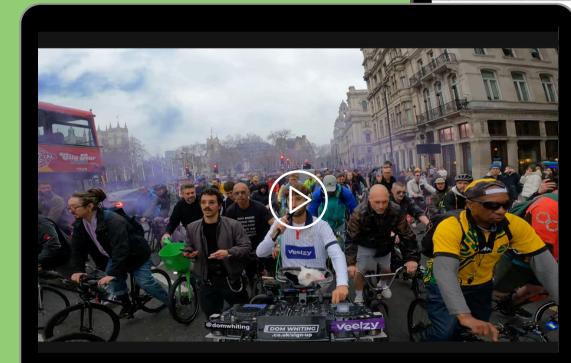
KICKING THINGS OFF WITH A BANG WITH DJ DOM WHITING

In order to underline Veelzy's commitment to delivering the <u>best vibes</u> to people on bikes, I planned and executed Veelzy's London launch event: DnB on the Bike 2025 with DJ Dom Whiting. As a part of this, several thousand partygoers joined Dom for a vibrant ride around the capital, bringing the essence of Veelzy to life.

The event was a huge success, resulting in numerous reports high-value press outlets across the UK, thousands of new monthly active users — and Veelzy's first paying Premium users.

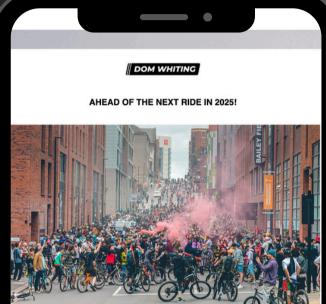
Full budget for campaign: £10,000

Hands down was the





absolute best day of my life! @rebecca-leighgeorge6288



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Vhiting Bike Party to access both

MY SOCIALS



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

To gain more traction across our relevant audience, we partnered with some wellknown brands to co-promote the ride and to offer exclusive perks to participants.



We partnered with **Brewdog** to give riders discounted drinks and reserved seating at numerous locations along the ride route.

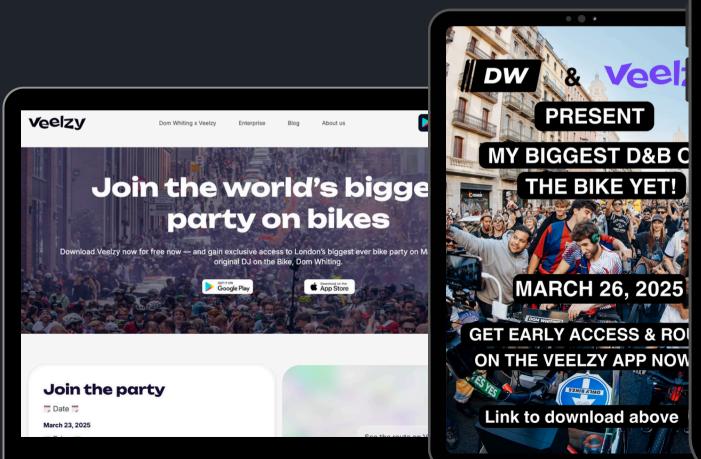
We partnered with e-bike rental company **Forest** to give everyone who turned up free access to an ebike for the duration of the ride.



Case Study: Launching Veelzy at London's biggest bike party

MECHANICS

In close co-operation with DJ Dom Whiting, we rolled out posts on all social channels and engaged with members of the press. We also co-promoted across partner channels to maximise visibility.







Dom has promised more music and more vibes than ever before (mage Dom Whiting)

A cycining uji si bringing ins ingenaary mooine aance party baack to London's streets this weekend and it's set to be bigger than ever. Dom Worthing will kick off his 2025 season of Drum and Bass on the Bike with an hour-long ride past the capital's landmarks on Sunday (March 23).

He'll be cruising round on a bicycle modified with decks and speakers alongside a music-loving crowd also on two wheels. The unique celebration is starting off at the Wellington Arch in <u>Hyde</u> Park Corner at 2pm and will clock in over 16km.

Cyclists will travel in a loop around Central London, ticking off Oxford Street, St Paul's Cathedral, The Royal Exchange, The Tower of London, Somerset House, The <u>London Eye</u>, Big Ben and The Houses of Parliament along the way. They'll then do one last stretch down The Mall in St James's Park before putting the brakes on dose to <u>Backingham Palace</u>.



VEELZY **Case Study:** Launching Veelzy at London's biggest bike party

THE OUTCOME

We managed to bring thousands of riders down to the event, created a massive buzz on socials with hundreds of tagged posts, got several high-value brand placements in big media titles, and drove nearly 10,000 people into the app. All on a budget of £10,000.

Skyrocketed downloads and engagement from fewer than 200 to over 10,000 MAU

Generated high-value media placements and kicked off massive social media buzz

Converted first 100 paying users of Veelzy Premium



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What's On + Music this weekend

And this piece by BBC News

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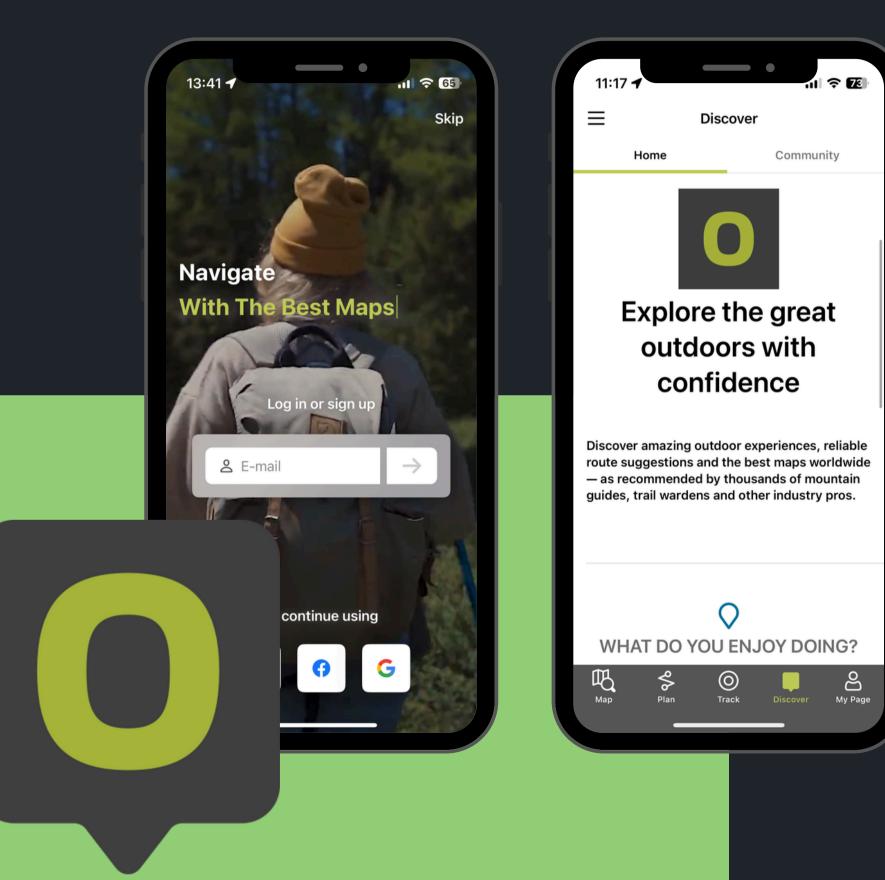
'Biggest ever' Drum and Bass on the Bike coming to London

e hour-long event will bring music to Oxford Street, Big Ben and The London Eye

Cycling DJ brings drum and bass party to capital



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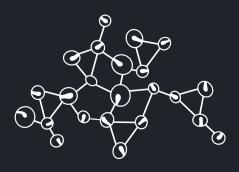
Rebranding Outdooractive

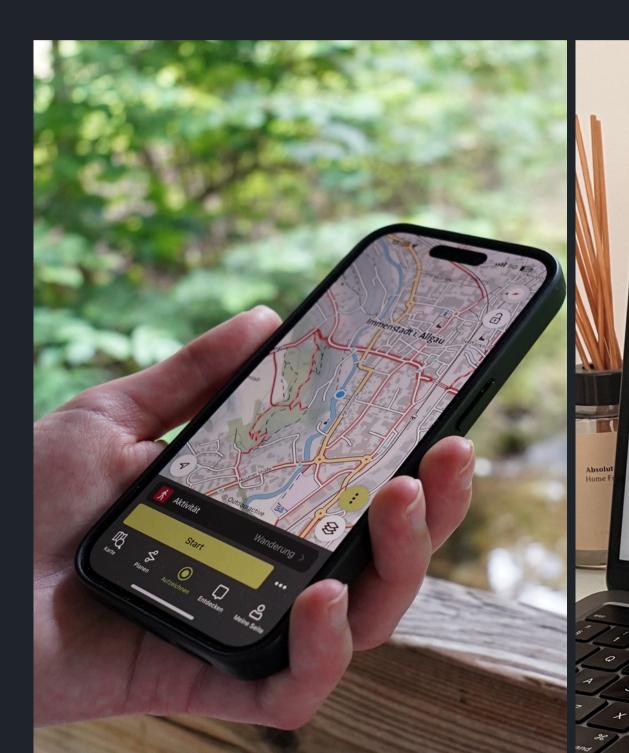
REDEFINING EUROPE'S OLDEST OUTDOOR NAVIGATION PLATFORM

Project Overview

A bold new positioning and brand DNA

Home to expert maps and professional-grade route planning tools, Outdooractive is the most reliable platform for outdoor inspiration and navigation — more so than any other out there. To better represent this, I strategically redefined Outdooractive's brand positioning and communications strategy, to allow the brand to communicate consistently and with discipline — all to convey a **lasting sense of trust**.





Explore the great outdoors with confidence Discover amazing outdoor experiences, reliable route suggestions and the best maps

Unscover amazing outdoor experiences, reliable route suggestions and the best maps worldwide — as recommended by thousands of mountain guides, trail wardens and other industry pros.

Start with your favorite activity













We know winter - stay safe this season with Outdooractive

Safety is the most important consideration when out on winter adventures in mountainous terrain. This can only be achieved with the most reliable tools that give you a clear picture of the conditions on the ground, as well as the most up-to-date know-how to help you make better decisions in the outdoors. From practical tips and insight from real outdoor experts to a breakdown of the most important Outdooractive features you need this winter discover everything you need for safer winter exploration here.



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es 30 years of pioneering door tourism industry.

Development

Establishment

Communication

Led strategic rebrand

To better respond to the changing expectations of the market postpandemic, I led a strategic rebrand of the entire organisation that better leaned into Outdooractive's USPs.

Relaunched homepage

Redesigned Outdooractive.com in line with the brand's new DNA - all to instil a lasting sense of trust.

We Know Winter campaign

Defined and led the execution of a strategic integrated winter campaign that brought Outdooractive's utility to life across socials, media, email and CPI campaigns.

Acheivements

Defined strict guidelines

Created new styleguides, image guidelines, and tone of voice packs, and held regular all-hands seminars and brand workshops to educate the whole team on their use.

Updated app store presence

Rebuilt app store presence to better represent new positioning. Update resulted in a 40% uplift in installs on average.

Outdooractive@30 campaign

Defined and led the execution of a strategic 12-month-long 30th birthday campaign to communicate Outdooractive's long history. Story was brought to life across socials, media, email and CPI campaigns.

Case Study: We Know Winter Campaign

AN INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO CONVEY TRUST

To show how Outdooractive truly is the most reliable platform for outdoor inspiration and navigation, I devised an integrated comms campaign where we leveraged the reputation of established industry pros to tell this story for us.

As a part of this. we interviewed several winter outdoor professionals to get their take on why they trust Outdooractive, travelling to numerous destinations across Europe and conducting shoots in harsh environments.

The campaign was rolled out worldwide on socials, via email, through press releases, CPI campaigns and media partnerships.



The people you trust to keep you safe outdoors trust Outdooractive.



We know winter - stay safe this season with Outdooractive

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HOW THE CAMPAIGN PERFORMED

Social media engagement increased by 8% on average (to an all-time winter high).

First-time app installs increased by 34% and we recorded a 14% uplift in user retention.

Pro/Pro+ subscriptions increased by 30% YOY between January and April '24.

Case Study: We Know Winter Campaign

MECHANICS

The campaign was rolled out between December '23 and April '24. It comprised regular social posts, a series of press stories, engaging and informative videos, high-budget CPI campaigns and fortnightly emails to our pre-existing community.

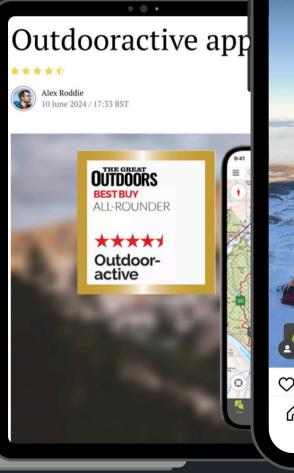
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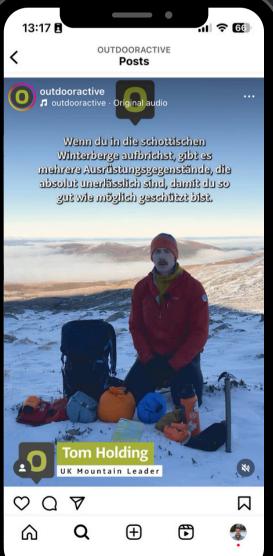
Stay safe this winter with Outdoor

We caught up with Michael Larcher, one of Europe's leading avalance discover how you can best stay safe this winter, and to learn al Outdooractive is changing the lives of winter sports enthusiasts throu and beyond.

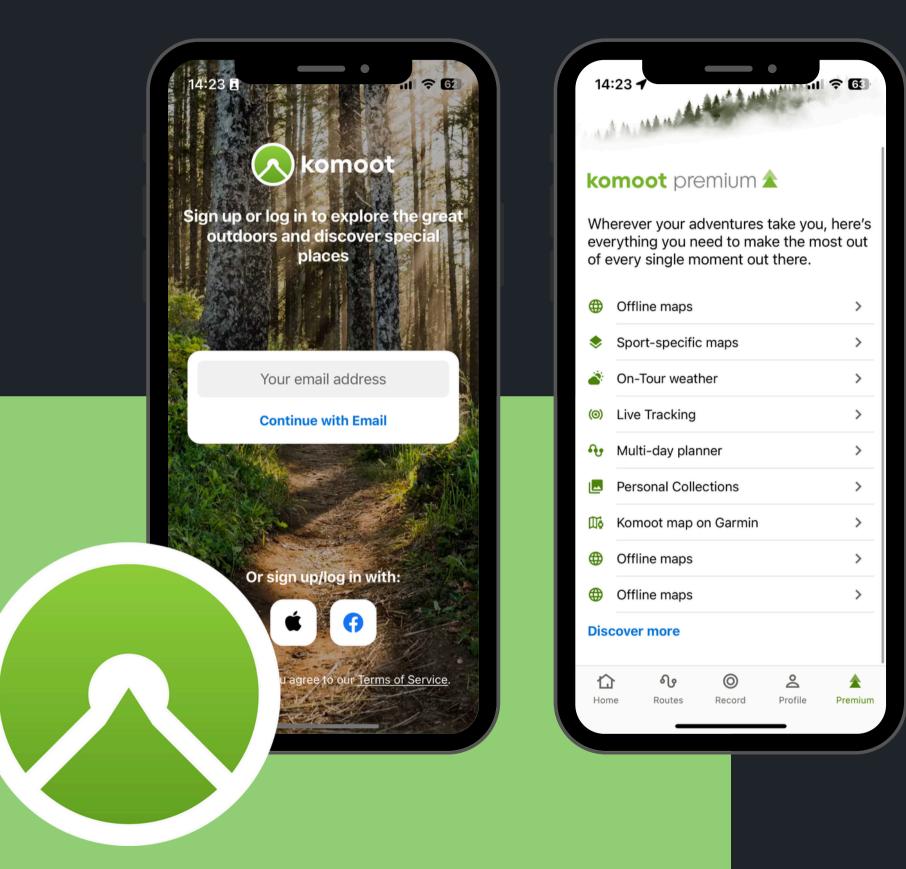
You can never rule out the risk of avalanches co but with a few rules you can confidently minim







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Brand strategy, copy & content

GROWING EUROPE'S BIGGEST OUTDOOR APP THROUGH STRATEGIC BRANDING

КОМООТ

Role Overview

Bringing komoot to life through strategic copy, content and campaigns

Komoot helps millions of people all over the world find, plan and share adventures. Joining the company at a crucial phase of growth, I developed the company's first tone of voice and brand infrastructural documentation — and led everything from product, UX and brand marketing to PR, media and creative campaigns.





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komoot Routes Route planner Features

Your route to adventure

From the deepest dirt track to the highest hiking trail, komoot gets you there and back again—and everywhere you want in between.

Sign up or log in

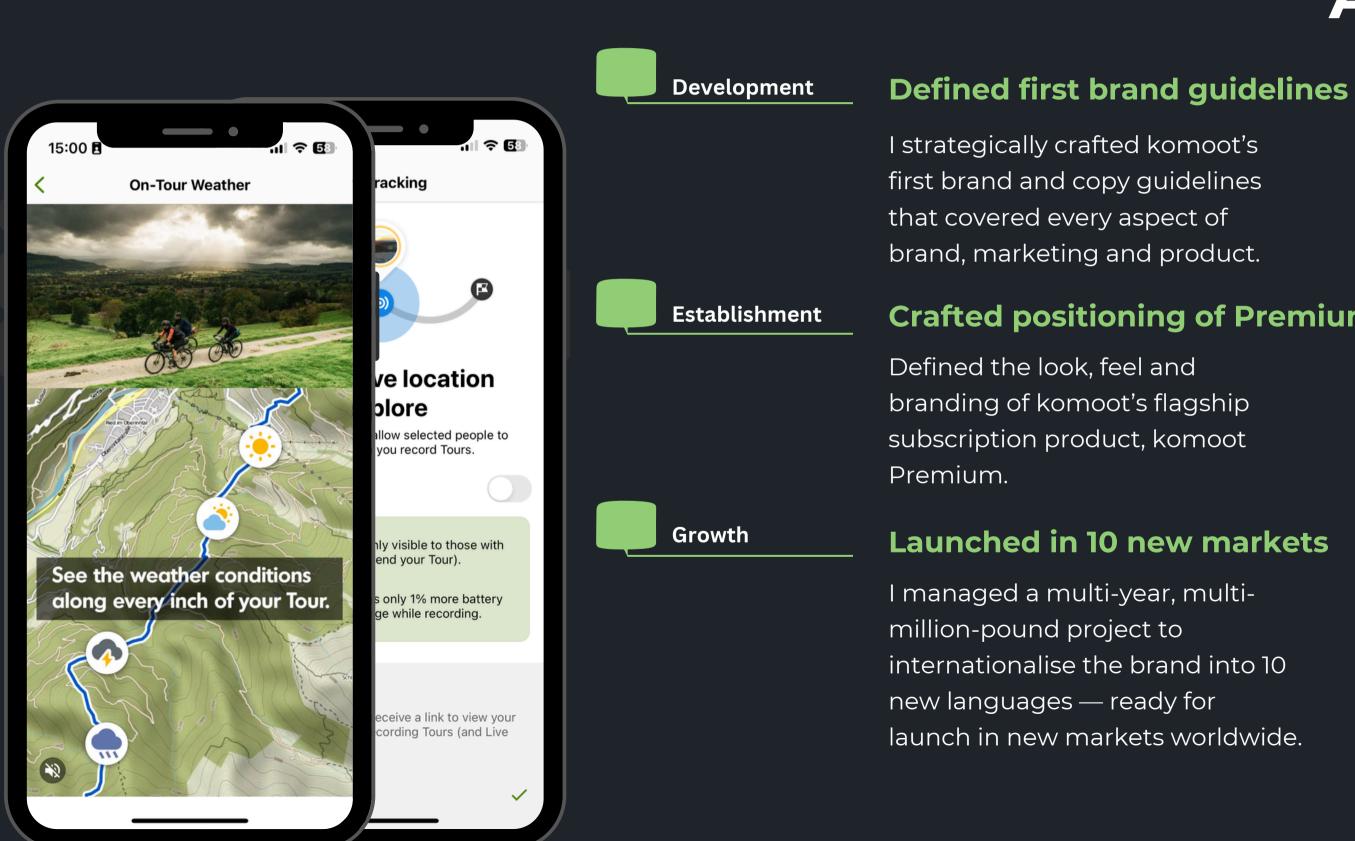
Sign in to your komoot account or create a new one—and get the feature-packed komoot experience for literally nothing.



From ready-built routes that reveal all of nature's best-kept secrets, to superior route planning and navigation tech that lets you decide what you want to discover, komoot makes it easy to explore more of the great outdoors—wherever and however you want.

Sign up or log in

KOMOOT



Acheivements

Overhauled komoot.com

Leveraging komoot's new brand infrastructure, I overhauled the komoot homepage to better reflect positioning.

Crafted positioning of Premium Owned UX copy cycle

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noot	of the product copy cycle, from
	content design to user testing.
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KOMOOT

Launching the brand in multiple markets





During my time at komoot, we successfully grew monthly active user numbers from fewer than 1 million in the DACH-market to over 36 million worldwide.



10 new markets in 5 years

I brought the komoot brand to life in 10 new markets through human internationalisation

that safeguarded our positioning. This project involved translating almost 1 million words — allowing komoot to strategically grow in markets like Brazil, Japan, Poland, South Korea, the USA and more.



NATIONAL PARKS OF EUROPE

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National Parks of Europe

Slovenia

Triglav,

A stunning place bursting with idyllic Alpine panoramas, glistening glacial lakes, thick forests and rolling pastures

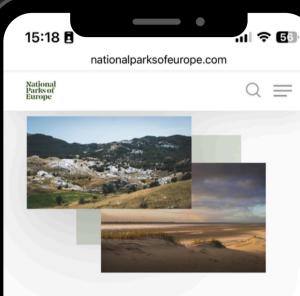
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DISCOVER THIS NATIONAL PARK

National Parks of Europe

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The National Parks of Europe Initiative

Our goal is simple: Through building the first digital overview of all national parks on the European continent, we aim to encourage local and sustainable travel, promote nature preservation and diversify the outdoors. In doing so, we want to become your alternative, noncommercial guide for truly sustainable travel and help preserve and protect our mational

Brand strategy & copy

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM TO EUROPE'S LAST WILD PLACES

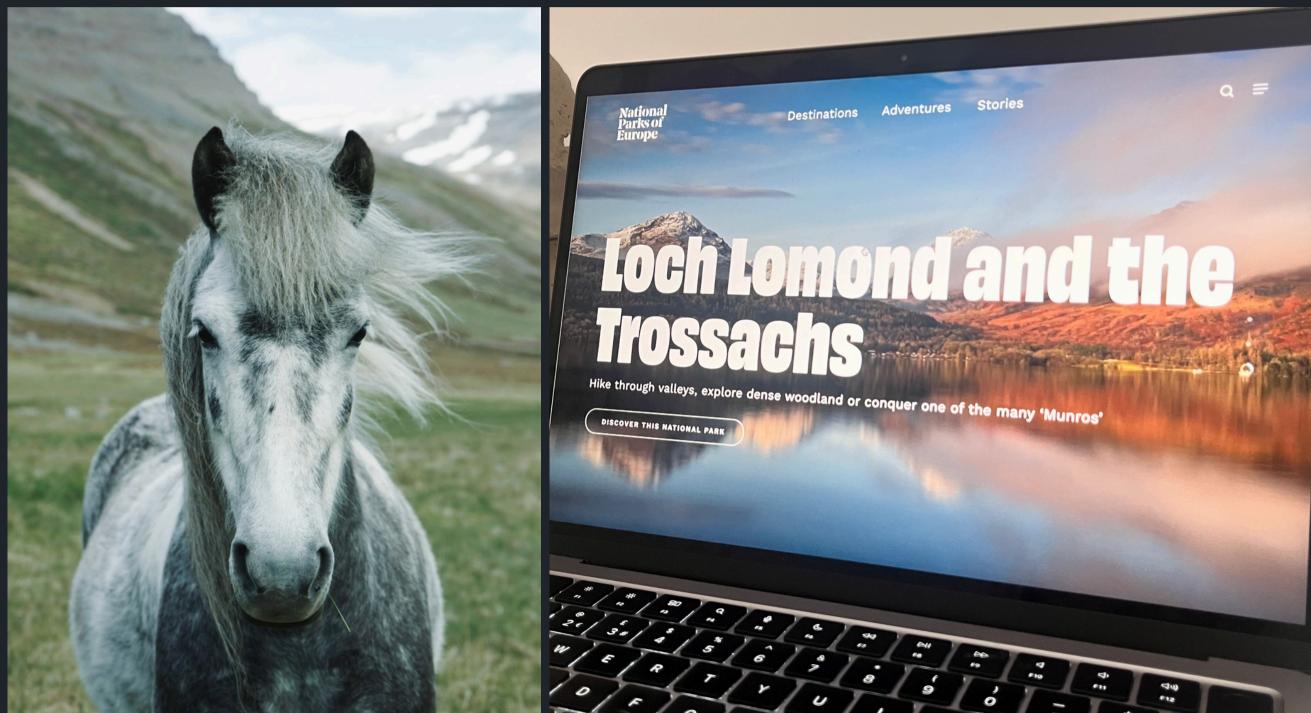
NATIONAL PARKS OF EUROPE

Project Overview

Strategic brand development, copy and content

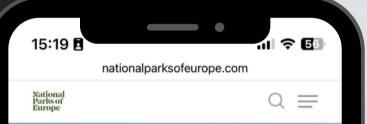
The National Parks of Europe is set to become the online home of every national park on the continent. Working directly with the founder, I brought the vision to life in brand strategy and copy to showcase the beauty of Europe's lasting wild places - one national park at a time.







NATIONAL PARKS OF EUROPE



The best adventures are yours

We want to know all about your latest hikes, rides, kayak trips or climbs in the places

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experience nature while playing a crucial role in nmental education and research. They are a truly ndispensable resource for conserving our biodiversity and they contribute to sustainable economic development through tourism.

SOME FACTS

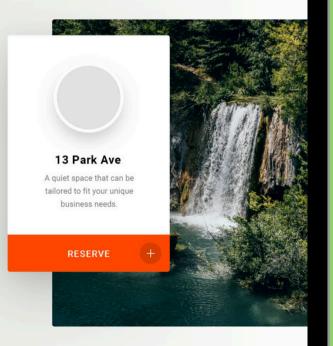
National parks are category II . The first European national park protected areas listed by the IUCN, an extra-special nature reserves are also national

parks.

designation that means not all • Ukraine is home to the most national parks in Europe, followed by Norway and Finland.

was declared in 1909 in Sweden.

In the early 19th century, German Romanticism inspired the idea of placing natural landscapes under special protection in their entirety





BRIEFING & GOAL

The briefing was to be informative and authentic, yet always inspirational in tone.

The goal was to make readers want to book their next big trip the second they landed on the NPE homepage.

Deliverables

Defined look and feel of NPE

Strategically crafted the tone of voice for the organisation, leaning into feelings of adventure, inspiration and wonder.



Wrote all national park packs

Working directly with dozens of national parks, I researched and wrote all promotional packs in order to inform and inspire visits.

Built all investment packs

Together with the founder, I crafted media kits and investment pitches to secure funding from bodies such as the EU.

TVSMILES



Brand strategy & content

DEFINING CONSUMER-FIRST CONTENT STRATEGIES FOR INCREASED ENGAGEMENT

TVSMILES

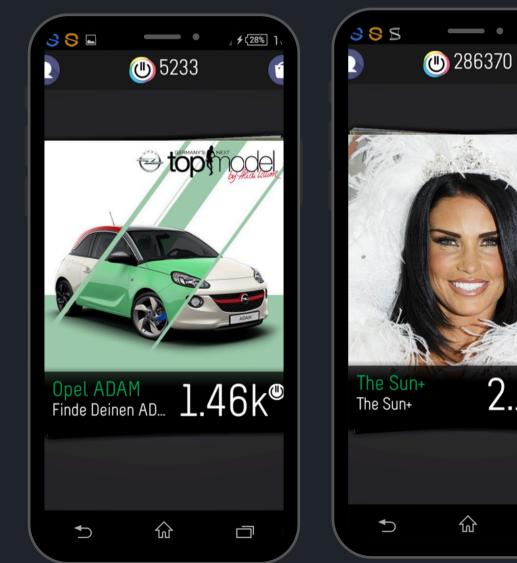
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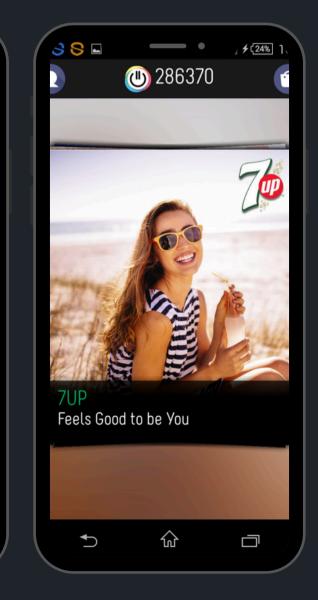
Strategic brand-driven, gamified content creation

TVSMILES was a consumer-focused entertainment app that worked with some of the biggest brands in the world to create and publish programmatic advertising. As the company's head of content, I led a team of 15 creatives to create all content, including campaigns commissioned by the likes of **Disney**, Spotify, Netflix, Coca-Cola, and Opel.









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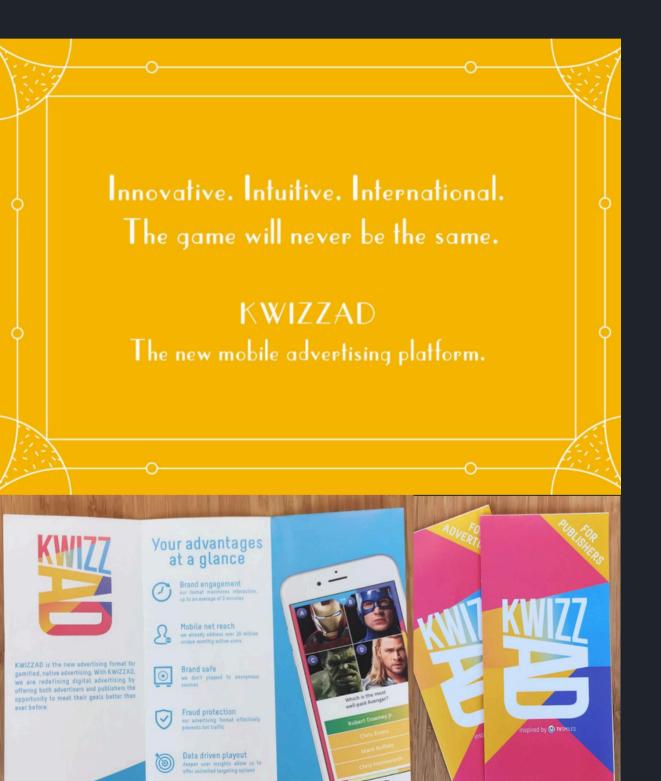
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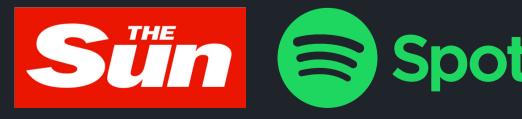


Transcreated beta version of TVSMILES app into GB English

I singlehandedly transcreated the entire TVSMILES eco-system from German into market-ready English for launching in the UK.

Crafted positioning of Kwizzad

Defined the branding of KWIZZAD, TVSMILES' sister product. This included tone of voice documentation and all brand infrastructure, as well as all creative assets used to launch KWIZZAD at DMEXCO in 2016.



Acheivements

Redefined TVSMILES' entire content strategy

Rebuilt TVSMILES' in-app content strategy using an adapted version of the AIDA model resulting in a 20-25% increase in overall conversion rates.

Grew creative team

I took over leadership of the creative team, growing it to an in-house studio comprising 8 copywriters, 4 graphic designers, 2 translators and 1 in-house animator.

Spotify NETFLIX Disney

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Journalism

Consulting editor Great British Adventure Club

Since 2022, I've worked with the GBAC as a subject matter expert, working with both brands and contributors to build the UK's most reliable home for insight, inspiration and industry-leading outdoor gear reviews.

Contributing journalist Advnture Magazine

As one of the magazine's regular contributors, I work with brands to review outdoor kit and write-up my thoughts on a host of outdoor-related topics for both the UK and the US outdoor markets.

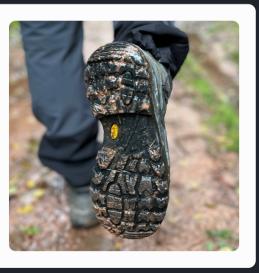














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