

BRAND GUIDELINES 2018



THE NORDICS

Foreword

The Nordics is a joint branding project for Aaland, Greenland, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

The project originated from the Tender “Branding The Nordics” in 2016. The winning concept called “Traces of North” aims to leverage the presence of Nordic ideas and values that are already all over the world.

This is the first phase of the project, and this is merely a beta site that invites everyone to share their Traces of North with us.

Afterwards we will curate and activate a selection of traces, so everyone can see them, work with them, share them and we hope they will inspire even more Traces of North in the world.

We will update the site as we go, until we have rolled out the full platform for The Nordics containing material that anyone can tap into when creating Nordic themed events, stories, promotions, stories or even if you’re simply looking for inspiration in Nordic values. We hope you will come back again and see what The Nordics has to offer you.

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Values & Concept

Values

The Nordic Perspective and the set of values it represents is guidance both for initiatives and messages. But not only that the Nordic perspective is a message in itself. It can be used to monitor balances and missing subjects for all initiative under the project. Values we want to express are openness, trust, creativity, sustainability and compassion. Also in combination with the strategic focus areas.

Concept

The concept is simple. We are not going to show the Nordics to the world. We are going to show The Nordics in the world.

A trace can be large or small; it can be a feeling, an idea, a building or a product like the humble zipper, anything that has made its way from The Nordics out into the world. As an example it is valuable social currency to be able to talk about the architect Henning Larsen in Riyadh, the Vikings in Cornwall or on Raoul Wallenberg in Hungary. When two men wish to marry in Asia, one can make an elegant nod to Nordic liberalism. Likewise, when people take to their bikes in New York, the Nordics green credentials can be seamlessly woven into the conversation. Examples like these are endless. We call them traces of north.

The point is that there are far more traces of North around the world than can be found in the small geographical area we know and refer to as the Nordic countries.

Visual Identity Logo

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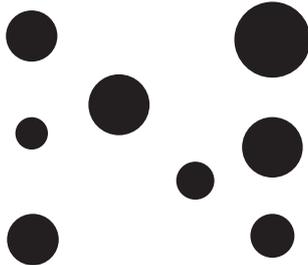


The Nordics Project is one that aims to bring together all the Scandinavian countries by way of their common traces. It is intended to showcase to the world what the 8 Nordic countries have to offer, and they way this affects the world in unspoken ways that are not visible to the naked eye. Traces of these countries coexist within the world we live in. The logo is inspired by the star constellation, a navigator. It is designed to bring humans closer together under one collective blanket made up of constellations, nature and the universe.

Visual Identity Mark

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STANDARD



SMALL

70% scale of standard, for use on collateral smaller than 5" x 7"

STANDARD

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LARGE

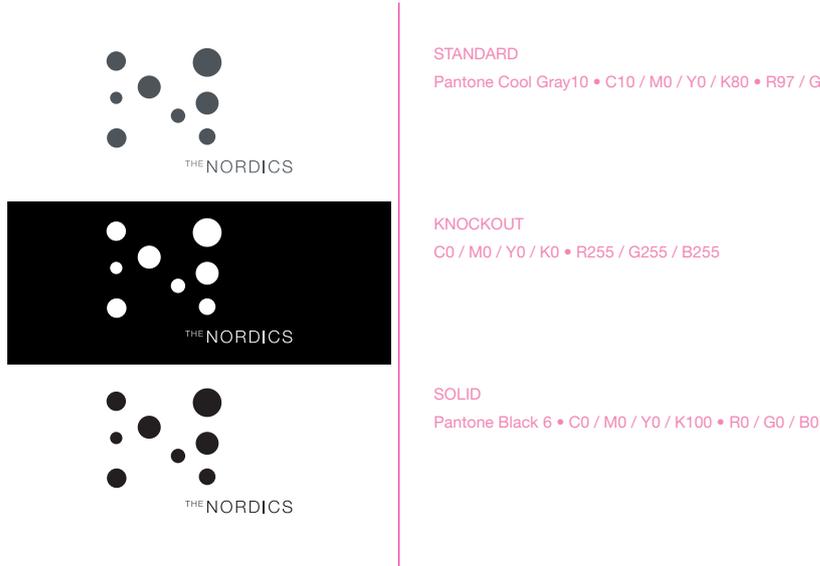
280% scale. For use on collateral larger than tabloid (11" x 17") or A3 (297 mm x 420 mm)

The logo must stay as is and be locked into the exact way it has been delivered. It cannot be altered in any way as this changes the logo and its' intention.

Logo Color System

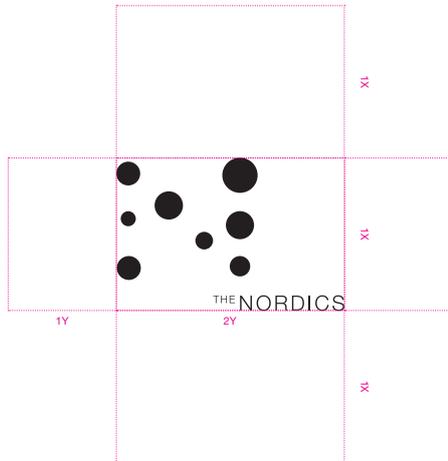
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In order to maintain legibility and brand consistency across collateral, always use one of the three approved color combinations. Whenever possible, use the standard color combination. The knockout version should only be used in limited applications, and the black logo can only be used when black and white printing is the only option.

Logo Clearance



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Logo Alignment - Positioning

The logo is aligned to the center.

The logo is either aligned to top center or is aligned to the right margin in lower right corner.

When laying out a piece of collateral, consider the overall dimensions and length of the content in order to determine the preferred logo alignment. These alignment rules apply regardless of which version of logo is being used.

Logo Clearance

The monogram height determines the clear space below the logo. Depending on the size and content, the clear space is equal to the height of either one or two monograms.

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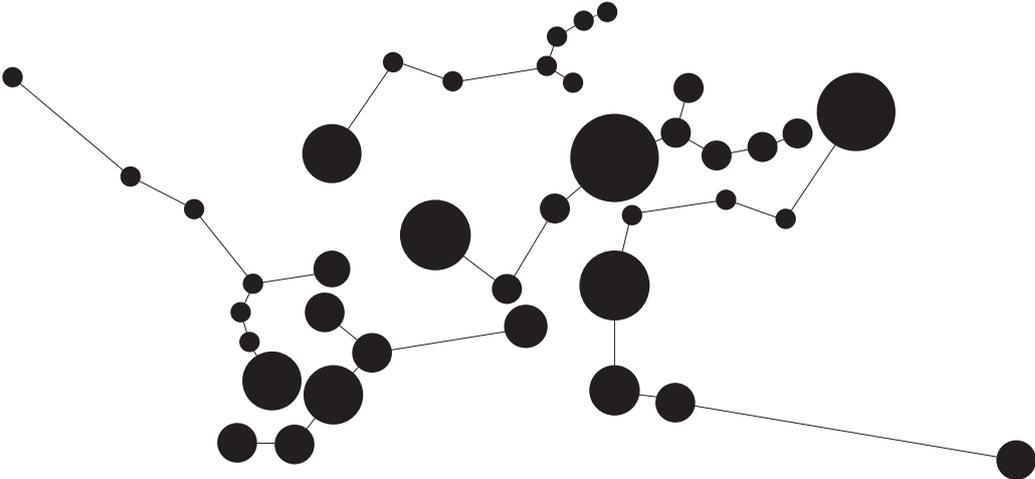
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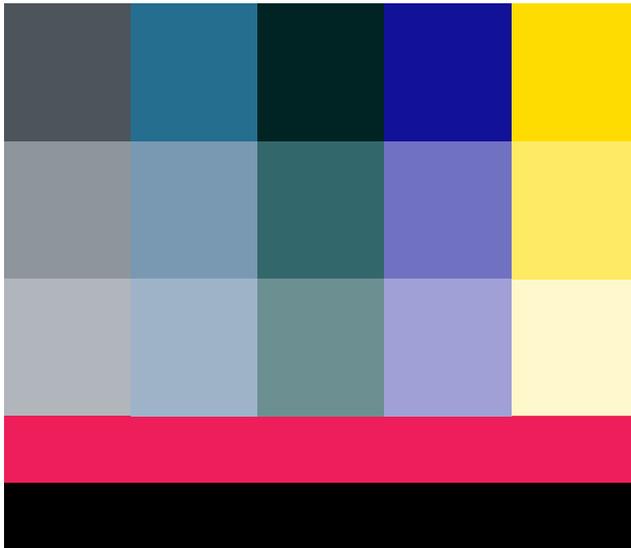
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STARTING CONVERSATIONS

Visual Identity Color Palette

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GREY (100, 60 & 40%)

Pantone Cool Gray 10 • C10 / M0 / Y0 / K80 • R97 / G85 / B91

BLUE 1 (100, 60 & 40%)

Pantone 653 • C78 / M46 / Y9 / K5 • R94 / G117 / B153

GREEN (100, 60 & 40%)

Pantone 3435 • C86 / M15 / Y81 / K40 • R68 / G98 / B86

BLUE 2 (100, 60 & 20%)

Pantone 286 • C87 / M59 / Y0 / K0 • R47 / G88 / B167

YELLOW (100, 60 & 20%)

Pantone 107 • C0 / M2 / Y83 / K0 • R255 / G229 / B82

RED

Pantone 183 • C0 / M97 / Y50 / K0 • R255 / G22 / B89

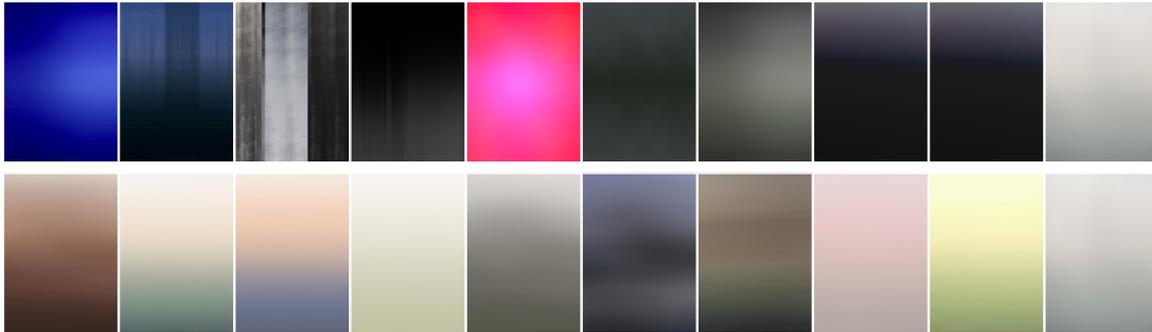
BLACK

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Color Plates

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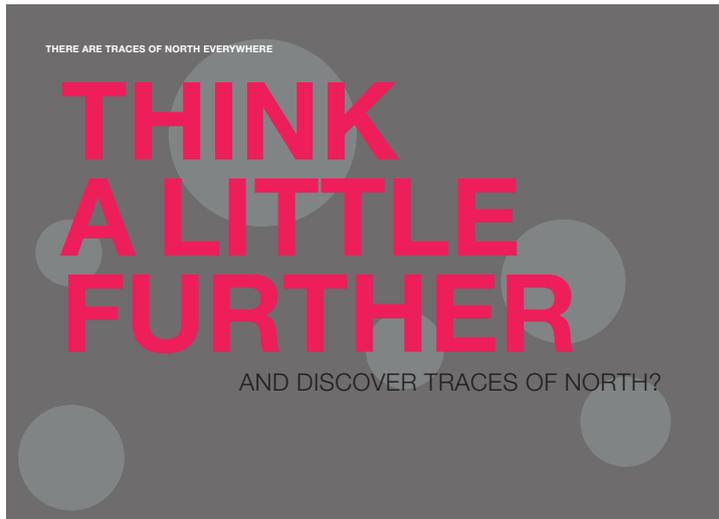


These color plates can be used ONLY as backgrounds for everything, ranging from powerpoint to printed matter.

Primary typeface Helvetica Neue

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Secondary typeface

Times New Roman Italic

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Who deserves quality of life?

The Nordics value fairness. This means helping, sharing and caring. Not just amongst neighbours, but on a larger scale as well. The thought that quality medical treatment should be determined by wealth is unacceptable to almost all Nordic citizens.

This viewpoint was also evident during the Korean War. Many of the Nordic countries were present, not with battleships or troops, but with field hospitals and medical staff.

The secondary typeface should only be used to showcase highlights of the body copy or an important sentence.

COLLATERAL

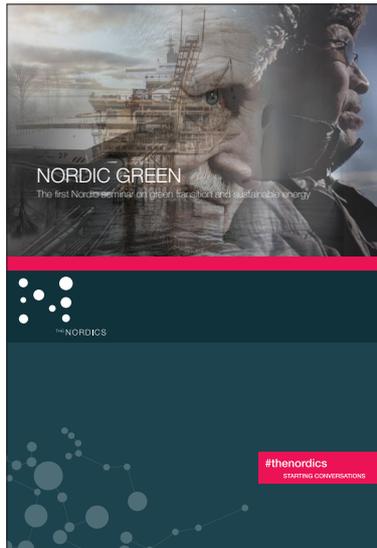
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Collateral Grid

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Speaker list

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The flyer features a header with the 'thenordics' logo and the event title 'NORDIC GREEN' in bold. Below the title is the subtitle 'The first Nordic seminar on green transition and sustainable energy' and the date 'Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at 10:00 a.m.'. A blue horizontal bar separates the header from the speaker list. Each speaker entry includes a name, title, and a short bio. The bio for David Murphy mentions his role as Business Editor of RTE and his work as a journalist. The bio for Anna Gray describes her work with the Nordic Council of Ministers on climate and air pollution. The bio for Jan Gunnar highlights his role as Chief Executive of SIDA and his focus on energy development. The bio for Bo Norman mentions his position as Research Board of the Swedish Energy Agency. The bio for Finn Mørtsen describes his role as Executive Director of State of Green. At the bottom, there is a red box with the hashtag '#thenordics' and a call to action to download the template from the toolbox.

NORDIC GREEN
The first Nordic seminar on green transition and sustainable energy
Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

David Murphy, Business Editor, RTE
David Murphy is Business Editor of Ireland's public service broadcaster RTE. He is a journalist, documentary-maker and author. Winner of a New York Festival Award in 2016 for his documentary on businessman Tony O'Reilly. Winner of Business Journalist of the Year in 2008 and 2010 from University College Dublin.

Anna Gray, Nordic Climate and Air Pollution Group
The Nordic Council of Ministers is the official inter-governmental body for co-operation in the Nordic region. The work of the Nordic Climate and Air Pollution group includes Nordic climate information and work to prevent the impact of air pollution on the environment, cooperation on human health, and so on. Anna Gray, Chief Advisor at the Danish Environmental Protection Agency, will talk about the 1978 landmark Swedish Nordic Council in Gothenburg. A global scale-up of (where) selected Nordic bio-carbon solutions, all of which have proven their value in the Nordic countries.

Jan Gunnar, Chief Executive SIDA
Jan Gunnar is Chief Executive of SIDA, having joined the organisation in May 2016. He was formerly, Director of Energy and Environment at EPRU, with the bulk of his career focusing on policy development and project delivery in the renewables and conventional energy sectors. He also serves as a member of the National Climate Change Advisory Council. SIDA is Ireland's industry energy authority, which develops and delivers a variety of measures to help Ireland's transition to a clean energy future.

Bo Norman, Research Board of the Swedish Energy Agency
Bo Norman is a member of the Research Board of the Swedish Energy Agency, the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA) and the Swedish National Grid Company (Nät). He is also engaged in the EU climate technology and has more than 20 years of experience from ABB, working on power systems including smart grids. He will give a presentation on Sweden's transition of the energy sector (2012, which has resulted in CO2 emissions being cut in half, while GDP has doubled and net energy consumption has been kept constant).

Finn Mørtsen, Executive Director of State of Green
Finn Mørtsen has been the Executive Director of State of Green since 2008. State of Green is a public-private partnership founded by the Danish government, the Confederation of Danish Industry, the Danish Energy Association, the Danish Agriculture & Food Council and the Danish Wind Industry Association. Mr Mørtsen will provide an insight into the Danish experience of transition to a green growth economy highlighting the importance of securing broad support across society, including in communities, industry and the political arena.

#thenordics
#THEFIRSTNORDICSEMINAR

Please find enclosed more information on the speakers and panels.
We look forward to seeing you at this important and interesting event! Check out the Facebook event for updates.
This seminar is co-organised by The Nordic Institutes in Ireland. We are proud to cooperate with the Nordic Council of Ministers.

REGARDS FROM THE NORDIC EMBASSIES IN DUBLIN

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Agenda

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The image shows a template for an agenda document. At the top left, the word "AGENDA" is written in a pink, sans-serif font. To its right is the logo for "thenordics", which consists of a cluster of black dots of varying sizes. Below the title, the text "NORDIC GREEN" is followed by the subtitle "The first Nordic seminar on green transition and sustainable energy". A date and time are listed: "Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m.". The main body of the agenda is a list of items with times, including "Registration and coffee", "Welcome", "Opening remarks by the Nordic Ambassadors", "Nordic Green to Scale: A global scale-up of Nordic low-carbon solutions", "Innovation and the Sustainable Energy Future", "Panel 1: The Nordic Path to Green Transition - lessons learned and best practices", "Lunch and networking", "Panel 2: Nordic Solutions in the Renewable Energy Sector: Wind Energy", and "End of conference". At the bottom right of the agenda list, there is a pink rectangular box containing the hashtag "#thenordics" and the text "EUROPEAN CONFERENCE". Below the agenda list, there is a small note: "Please find enclosed more information on the speakers and panels. We look forward to seeing you at this important and interesting event! Check out the Facebook event for updates. This seminar is co-organized by The Nordic Embassies in Ireland. We are proud to cooperate with the Nordic Council of Ministers. RESEARCH FROM THE NORDIC EMBASSIES IN DUBLIN". At the very bottom, there are five empty rectangular boxes, likely intended for logos or images.

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Posters

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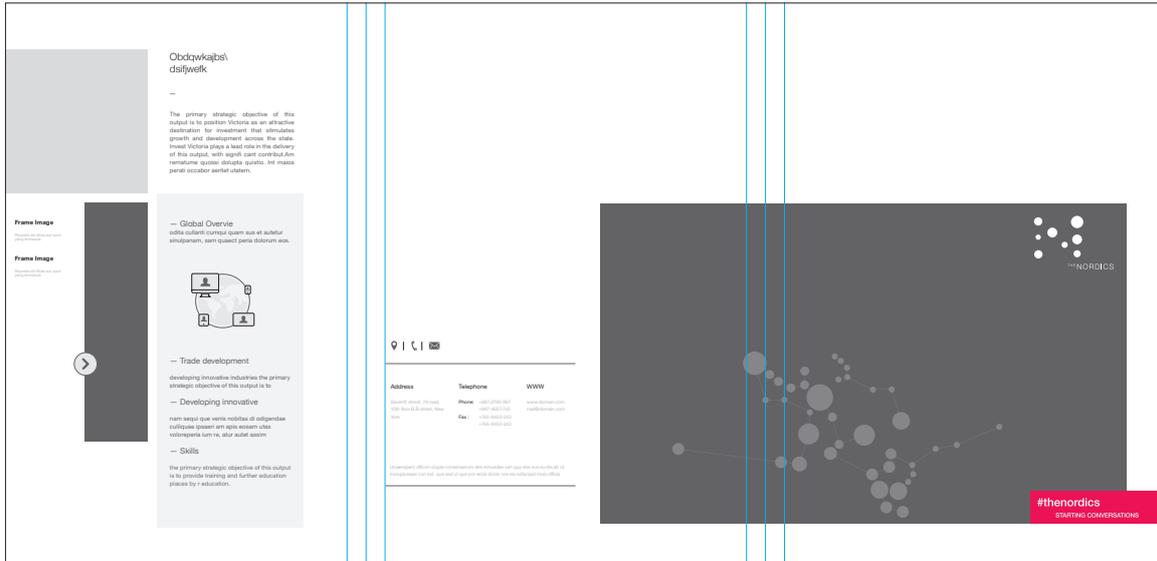


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Trifold Brochure

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Collages

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The collages are intended to showcase different regions and highlights of the Nordics. We use layers to develop a story that comes to life the longer you stare. We have 16 hero collages, available for print and digital.

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FINLAND

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ICELAND

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NORWAY

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SWEDEN

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GREENLAND

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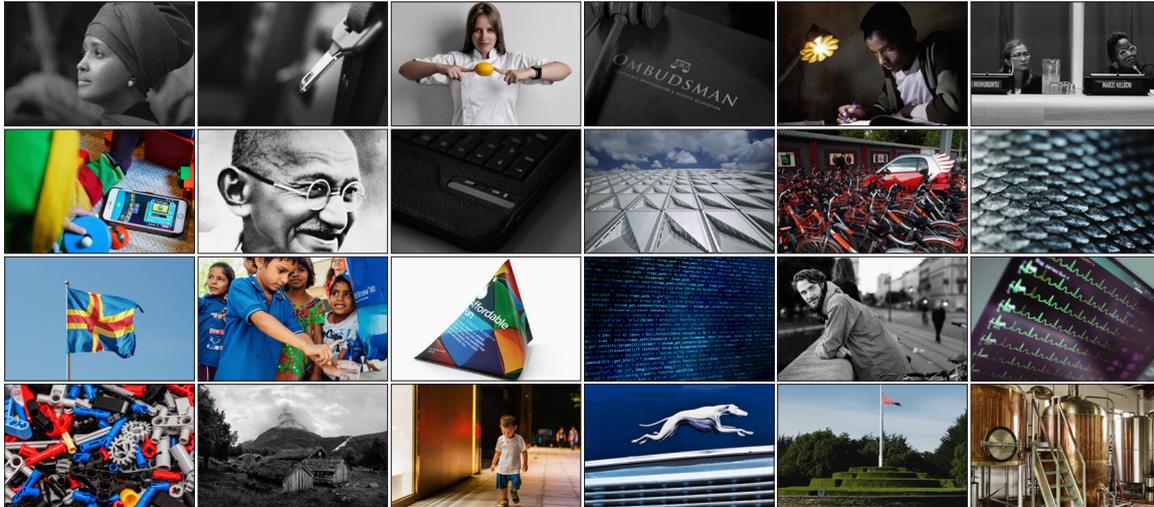
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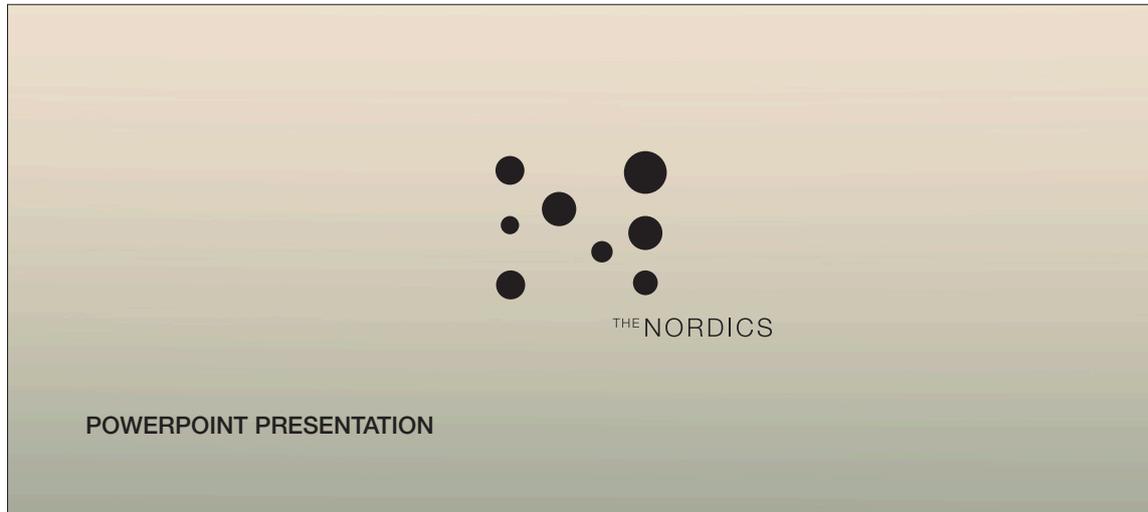
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COMMUNICATION

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Communication in general

Audience

The primary target groups are Nordic embassies, stations, organisations, international companies, and creatives around the world with Nordic projects of any kind.

The primary target group is much smaller than the secondary target group consisting of everyone remotely interested in anything Nordic – be it cultural, business, politics or innovation. This group is of course enormous, but the primary target group is crucial, as their engagement will determine the potential of this mutual branding.

This is not to say, that we should not make the brand open source and available to everyone with an interest in The Nordics. But we have to focus our efforts on the people who need a Nordic brand in their everyday work.

Communication in general

Messaging

STRONGER TOGETHER

- *How can we do a Nordic place branding without compromising the national place brandings?*

THE NORDIC PERSPECTIVE

- *Where we come from*

RETHINKING PLACE-BRANDING

- *We are not going to show the Nordics to the world. We are going to show The Nordics in the world.*

TRACES OF NORTH

- *Stories chosen, curated and organized around the Nordic values.*

INVITING, INSPIRING, STARTING CONVERSATIONS

- *Starting new conversations.*

NEW TRACES

#thenordics #tracesofnorth #startingconversations

Communication in general

Main Messages

The further away from north, the more we become one. Values that connects us to each other are openness, trust, creativity, sustainability and compassion. (Stronger together).

The concept is simple. We are not going to show the Nordics to the world. We are going to show The Nordics in the world. We call them traces of north. (Re-thinking placebranding).

A trace can be large or small; it can be a feeling, an idea, a building or a product like the humble zipper, anything that has made its way from The Nordics out into the world. (Starting conversations).

A trace has a geographic anchor in the world outside The Nordics, and can be a big idea that helps a country or small product that helps a single person, size does not matter here. Share your traces with us (Traces of North)

Inviting, inspiring, starting conversations - thenordics.com (Toolbox).

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Choosing/creating imagery

Photography

The Nordics photography should be crafted to communicate the true The Nordic experience, including its tactile, sensory qualities.

Images should be exceptionally tasteful images of style, character and life, rather than a clinical cataloguing of stock imagery. When selecting photography for an ad, make sure to choose only the best photos of your message. Each image should highlight your message's unique qualities and illustrate the The Traces of North.

For more information on creating new photography or selecting photography that adheres to the Nordics standards, refer to the Image Bank

Communication style

Our voice reflects the singular, innovative experience of the Nordic region, capturing the exquisite ease and attention to detail that distinguish the brand. Polished without pretense, The Nordics tone is natural in its warmth and genuine in its care. We favor simple, eloquent language to convey the caliber of strength we are talking about.

Modern

Our bright, distinctive voice embodies our vanguard spirit and taste for the new.

Rich

Vivid and evocative, our language captures the immersive quality of the experience we create.

Discreet

Never embellished or superior, our voice is elevated in its restraint. Our gracious tone connotes extraordinary care and uncommon consideration.

Headline Style

The Nordics headlines are spare and elegant, arresting in their simplicity. Warm and engaging, each captivating headline should invite the reader in.

Body Copy Style

Our rich, narrative tone comes through our content, with expressive, vivid language that creates a sense of place. Body copy is polished, not embellished, eloquent, not baroque. Subtle and understated, our voice hints at extravagance and lets the experience speak for itself.

TRACES

About
Traces
Trace explores



About TRACES

Traces and the Nordic perspective

A trace has a geographic anchor in the world outside The Nordics, and can be a big idea that helps a country or small product that helps a single person, size does not matter here. But a trace must have more than just a geographical link; it needs a relationship to the values we all hold dear in The Nordics.

Openness and a belief in everyone's right to express their opinion.

Trust in each other and also, because of proximity to power, trust in leaders in society.

New ways of thinking, focusing on creativity and innovation.

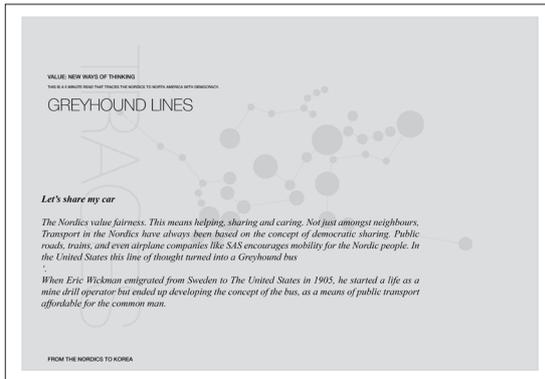
Sustainable management of the environment and development of natural resources.

Compassion, tolerance and conviction the equal value of all people.

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SUPPORT

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Toolbox

Toolbox Usage

The N0rdics Toolbox will include basic guidelines on how to use the visual identity, and examples of use for each template.

The visual identity elements

Basic assets. logo, fonts, colors

Print templates - ready to use with local print shops. i.e. invitations, flyers, posters etc.

PowerPoint

Basic slides i.e. frontpage, closing page, agenda,

Elements to use for pause animation - showing on big screens before events, i.e. facts or just images.

Newsletter

Open call

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STARTING CONVERSATIONS