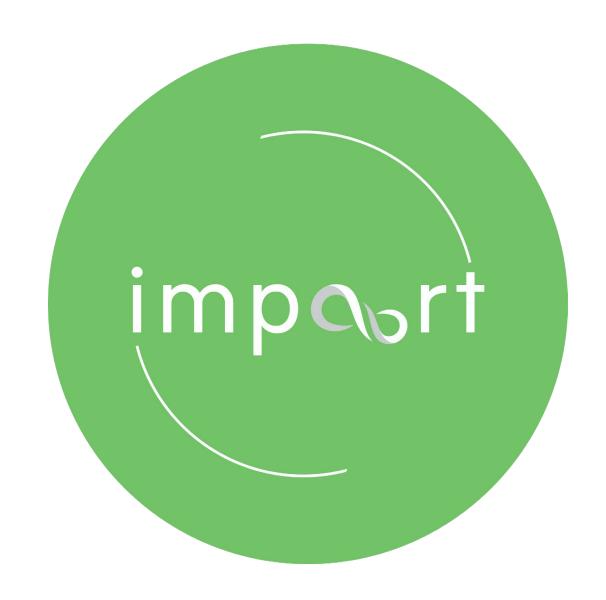
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## Communication Strategy



## Executive Summary

This executive summary presents a comprehensive LOHAS (Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability) communication strategy proposal for Dusit Thani Maldives, an esteemed luxury resort in the Maldives. The proposed strategy aims to leverage Dusit Thani Maldives' commitment to sustainability, wellness, and immersive experiences to effectively engage and attract the growing market of conscious travellers seeking meaningful and eco-friendly vacation experiences.

The LOHAS communication strategy for Dusit Thani Maldives encompasses three key pillars: Sustainable Practices, Wellness Offerings, and Authentic Experiences. By emphasizing these pillars, the resort can differentiate itself from competitors and resonate with the target audience seeking transformative experiences aligned with their values.



## Market Analysis

Creating a Unique Brand Image and positioning of Dusit Thani
Maldives in the LOHAS
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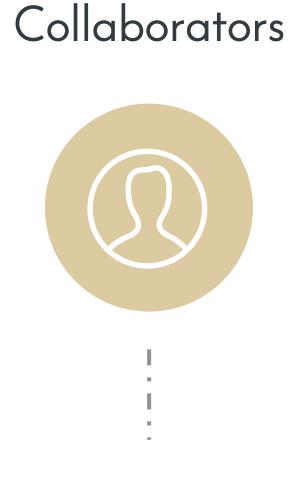
Primarily Families from well educated backgrounds

The LOHAS segment in India is a growing market that is estimated to be worth \$15 billion by 2025











Travel Agents from Major Cities

Journalists from Magazines

Influencers + Bloggers

# An introduction to LOHAS



## LOHAS

- The LOHAS segment is a demographic that stands for Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability. It is a market segment that is focused on green or ecological initiatives and is composed of a relatively upscale and well-educated population.
- The LOHAS segment is socially engaged and wants to know where the things they buy come from, how they are made, and by whom.
- The LOHAS segment is willing to pay more for ethical products that align with their values, such as fair trade, organic, natural, energy efficient, and socially responsible products.
- The LOHAS segment is influenced by factors such as health and fitness, the environment, personal development, sustainable living and social justice.



## India x LOHAS

- The LOHAS segment in India is a growing market that is estimated to be worth \$15 billion by 2025, according to a report by the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) and the Centre for Responsible Business (CRB).
- The report defines the LOHAS segment as consumers who are conscious of their health and wellness, environmental and social impact, and ethical values.
- The report also identifies four sub-segments within the LOHAS segment in India, based on their level of awareness and engagement:
- 1. LOHAS LEADERS (10% in India)
- 2. LOHAS LEARNERS (35% in India)
- 3. LOHAS LAGGARDS
- 4. LOHAS REJECTERS



## Strengths

- Dusit Thani Maldives is part of Dusit Thani Public Co Ltd, which operates and owns hotels, resorts and service apartments in Thailand, Philippines, the US, Bhutan, Kenya, the UAE, Egypt, and the Maldives.
- Dusit Thani Maldives offers luxury accommodation, dining, spa and wellness facilities, and recreational activities in a tropical island setting.
- Dusit Thani Maldives has won several awards and recognitions for its excellence in hospitality, such as the World Luxury Hotel Awards, the World Travel Awards, and the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards.

## Weaknesses

- Lower market share in primary target audience. Particularly Soneva
- Sustainability focus of the resorts is not communicated effectively on owned media





## Opportunities

- Dusit Thani Maldives can leverage its brand name and network to expand its presence and market share in the Maldives and other emerging markets.
- Dusit Thani Maldives can adopt innovative technologies and practices to enhance its customer experience, operational efficiency, and sustainability.
- Dusit Thani Maldives can capitalize on the growing demand for wellness tourism, experiential travel, and personalized services among affluent travellers.

#### Threats

- Dusit Thani Maldives may face risks related to competitive brandjacking, where competitors use similar or identical names, logos, or slogans to confuse or mislead customers.
- Dusit Thani Maldives may face legal or regulatory challenges due to changes in laws or policies that affect its business operations or taxation.
- Dusit Thani Maldives may face negative publicity or customer backlash due to any incidents of poor service quality, safety breaches, environmental damage, or social responsibility issues.

## MARKETING OBJECTIVES



#### Brand Awareness

A Branding led marketing strategy to educate our Target group about DTM and the philosophy.



#### Groups & Events

We should target to organize a branded event in 2023

1. Responsible Travel Convention in collaboration with Ministry of Tourism



#### Bookings/Revenue

The Target for the year is to maintain and improve ARR so that brand positioning in the premium sector is achieved



#### Guest Retention/Loyalty

We should Launch a Loyalty Program to boost DTM's base. This could also be combined with Wellness & Sustainable Lifestyle brands with similar ethos



#### Service/Reputation

Target more reviews on Google Business and TripAdvisor. We should focus on getting Brand philosophy-oriented reviews.



#### Colleague Engagement

We need to engage Dusit's Employees on Social Media Social positioning

## S.M.A.R.T. Goals



Specific

What exactly do I want to accomplish here?



Measurable

How will I know when I've achieved this goal?



Achievable

Do I know how to accomplish this goal or can I learn how?



Realistic

Is this goal really possible, or even worthwhile?



Can I accomplish this

Time-Bound

goal within one year?



## Marketing Channels

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#### Content Marketing

PR

Creating original content that can be repurposed and shared across the other marketing channels.

#### Social Media

Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn

Developing relationships with traditional press, journalists, and media outlets.

Can also include bloggers and influencers.

#### SEO

Driving consistent, quality traffic to your hotel website targeting specific, relevant search keywords.

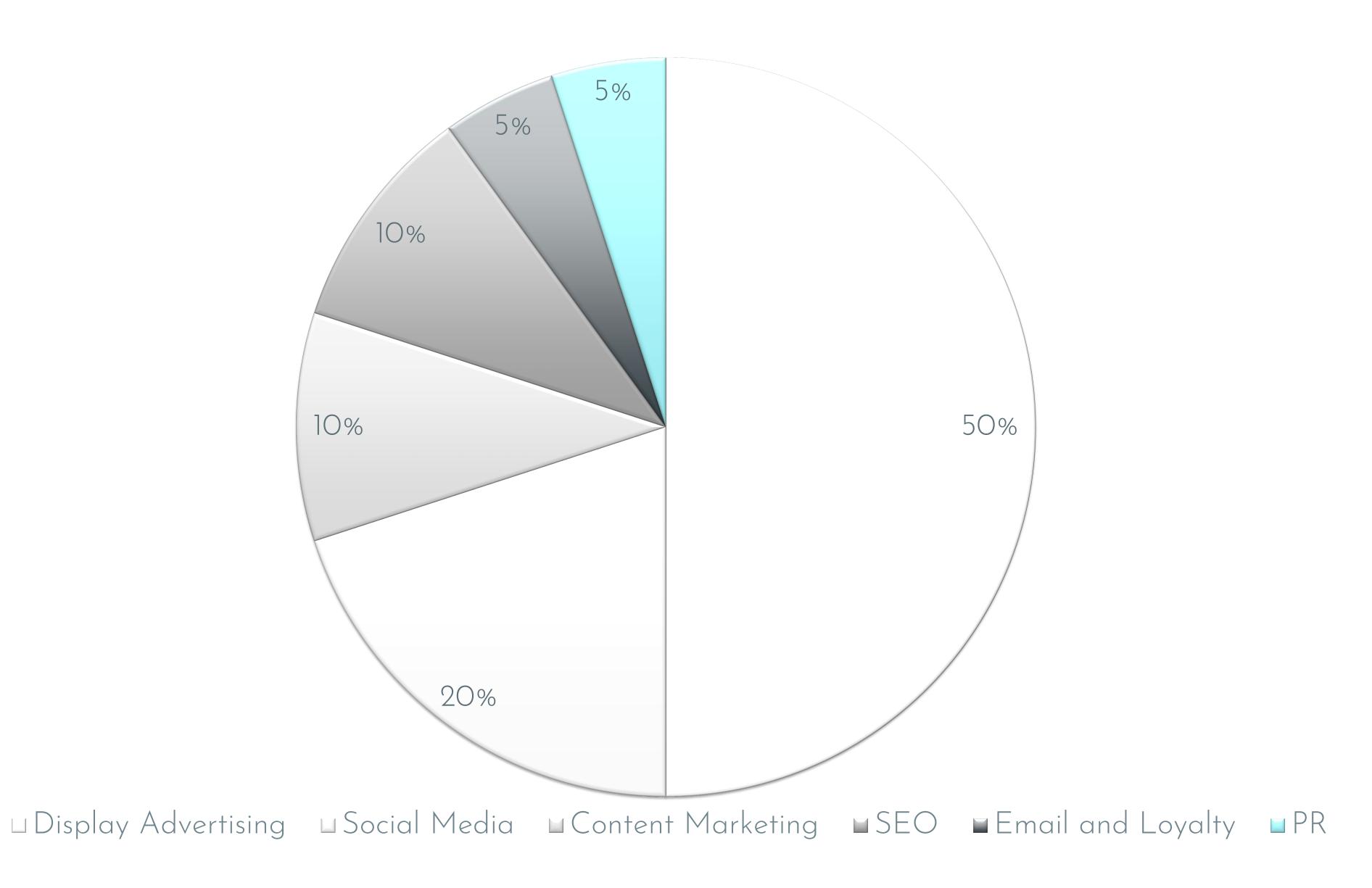
#### Display and Search Ads

Pay-Per-Click advertising options include Google, social media platforms, and/or display networks.

#### Email and Loyalty Program

An important "owned" channel. Grow your email list, segment users by interests, and nurture leads.

## Channel Distribution



## Key Marketing Metrics/Goals

Action Item	Metric	Measured by
Content Marketing	Traffic to Website	Ranking of Primary and Secondary Keywords and
Search Engine Optimization	Traffic to Website % of Direct Bookings	Blog Page Views
Social Media Ads	Traffic to Website New Followers Engagement Rate Leads	Traffic Measured by UTM on GA Comparative analysis of past engagement and increase in followers No. of Leads that converted into room nights
Brand Awareness Campaign	Impressions/Reach/Clicks/Traffic	UTMs on GA Increase in Search Volume of 'Brand Keyword'
Public Relations	Press Mentions / Articles	Increase in Search Volume of 'Brand Keyword'
Email Marketing	Open Rate Traffic	UTMs on GA

## Direct Competitor Benchmarking







Authority Score 😚



48

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Keywords 2.1K ↑

Paid Search Traffic 🕜

**507** +134%

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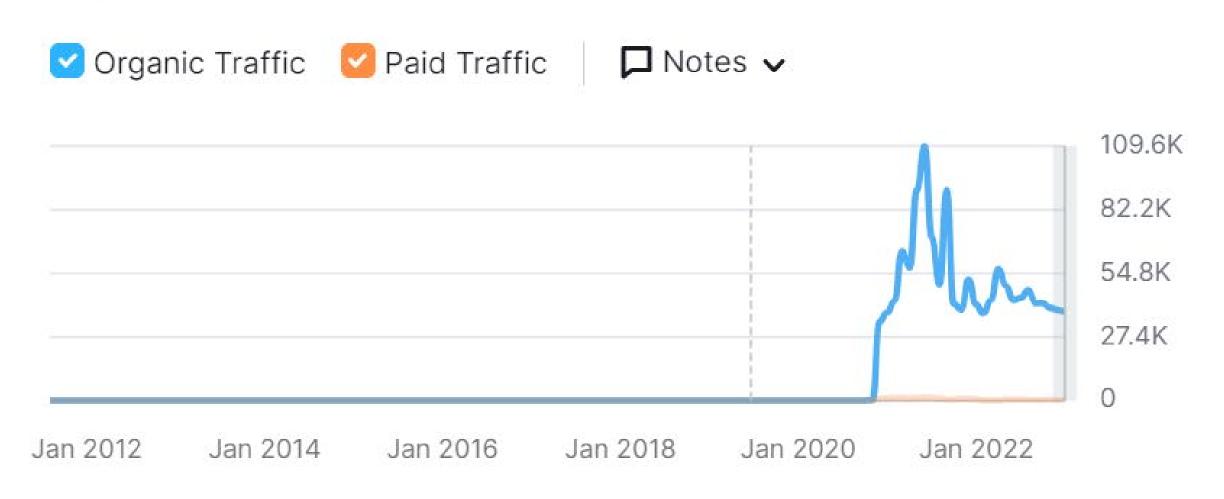
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Countries	Traff	ic Share	Traffic	Keywords
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<b>■</b> IN		22%	8.6K	188
us Us		20%	7.6K	652
<b>₩</b> UK		10%	3.8K	257
Other		48%	18.4K	1K

#### Organic Traffic 38,389/month





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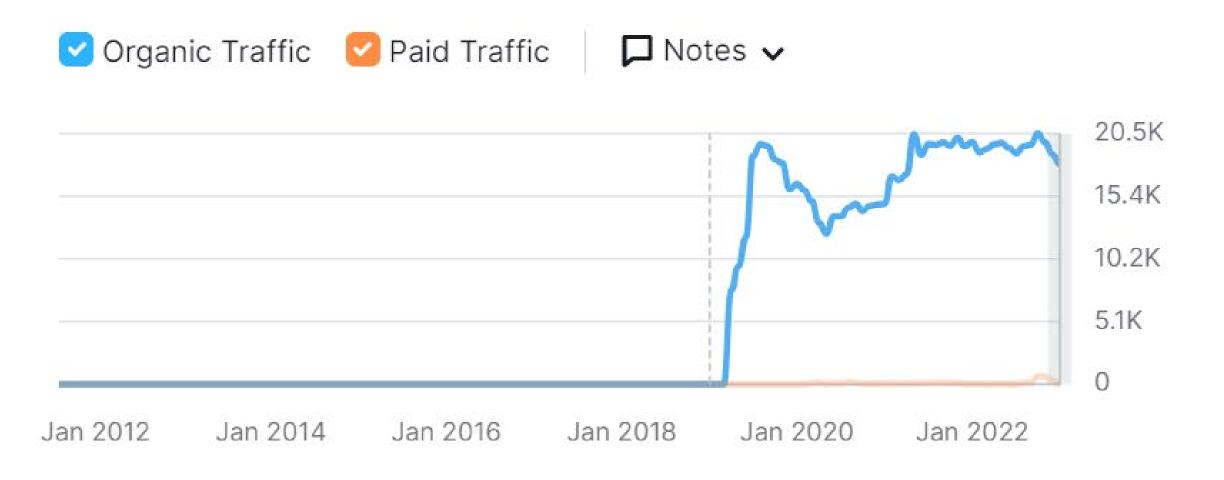
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■ IN		7%	1.3K	116
Other		56%	10K	1.1K

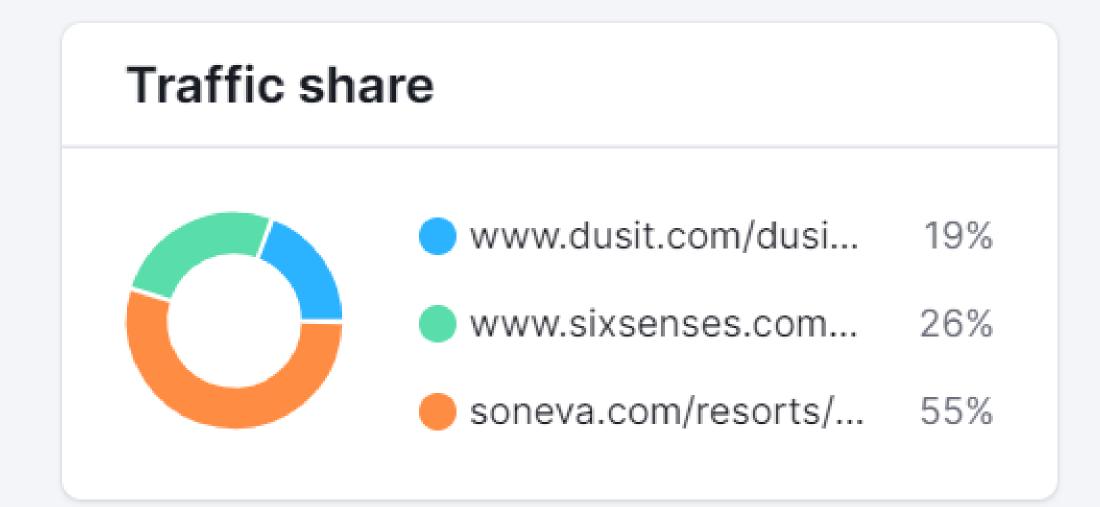
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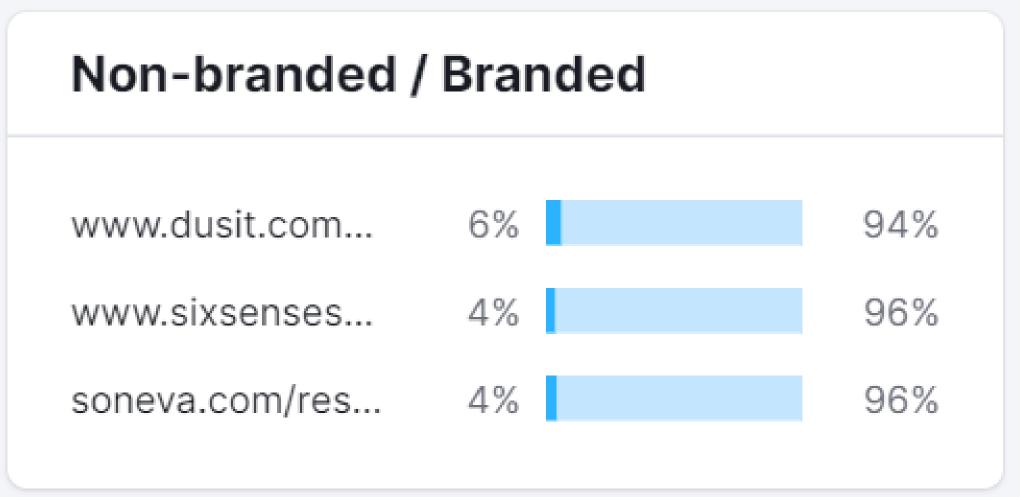


## DusitThani









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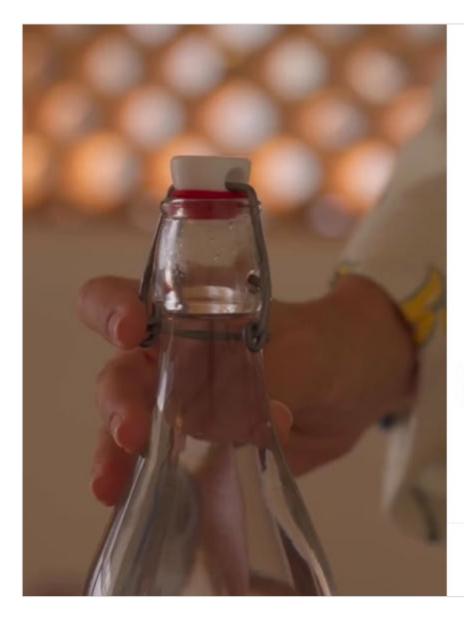


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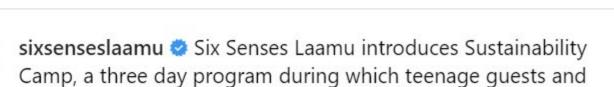
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sixsenseslaamu 🌣 Meet Chef Yashitha.

He has worked at Six Senses Laamu for 3 years, and is known for his fresh handmade pasta. From ravioli to linguine, he can prepare pasta of all shapes and sizes. 🍝

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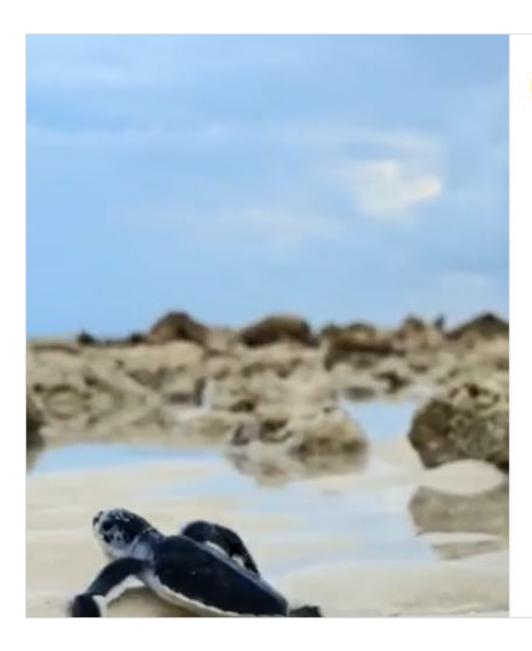
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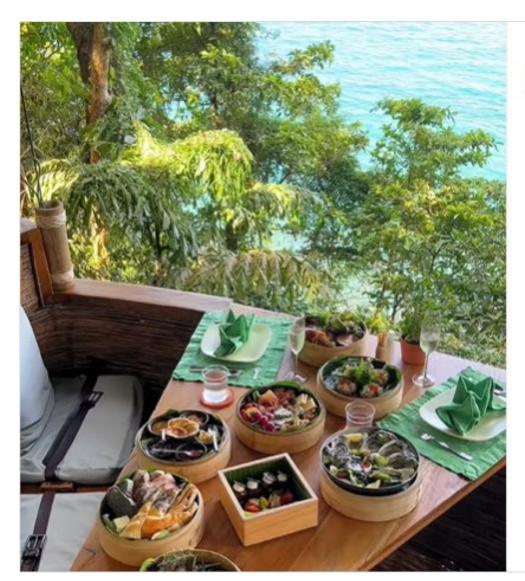
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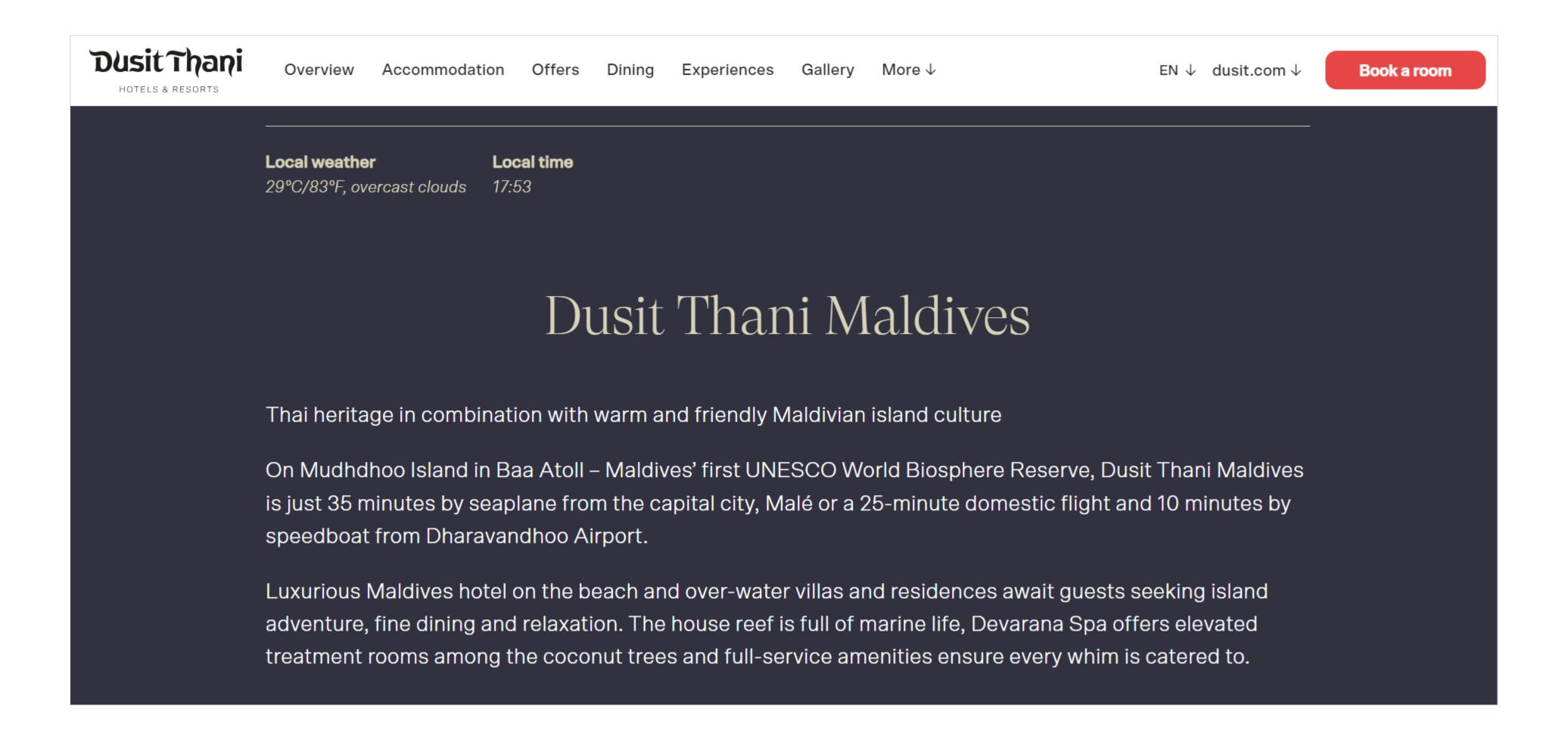
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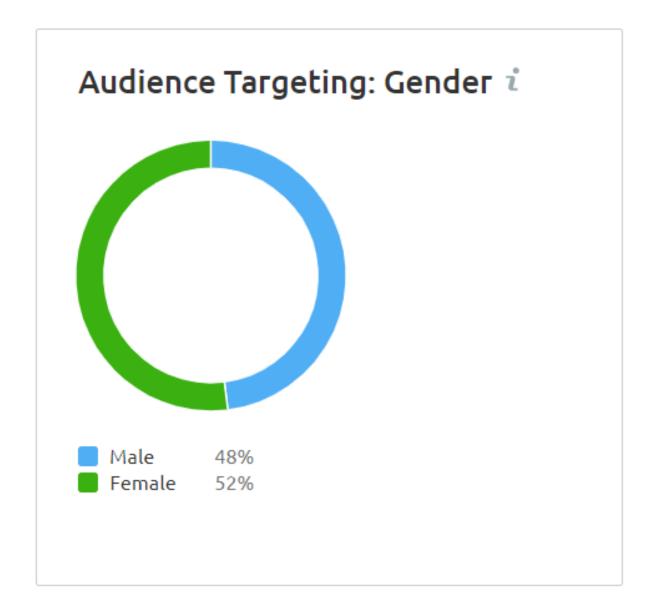
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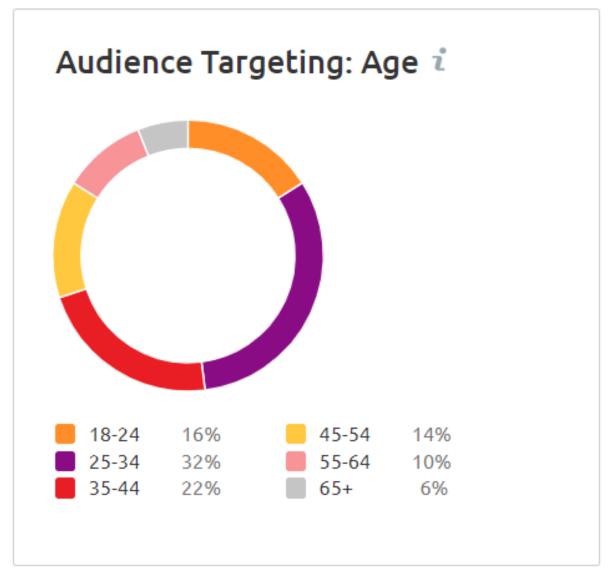
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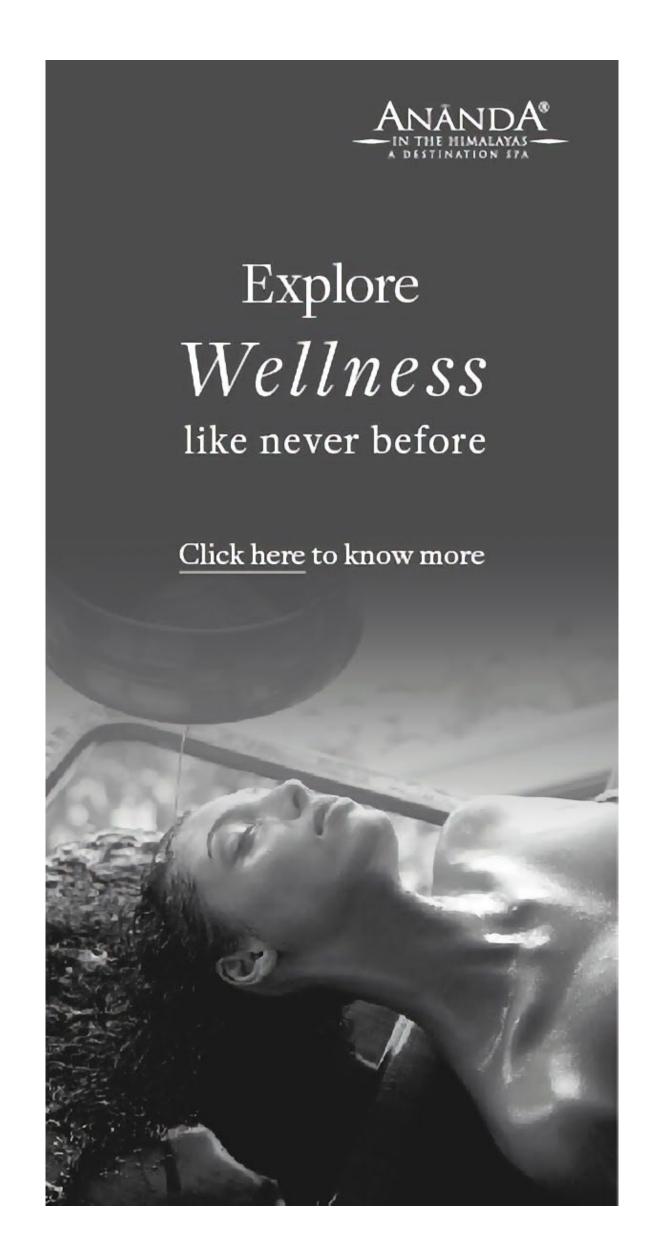
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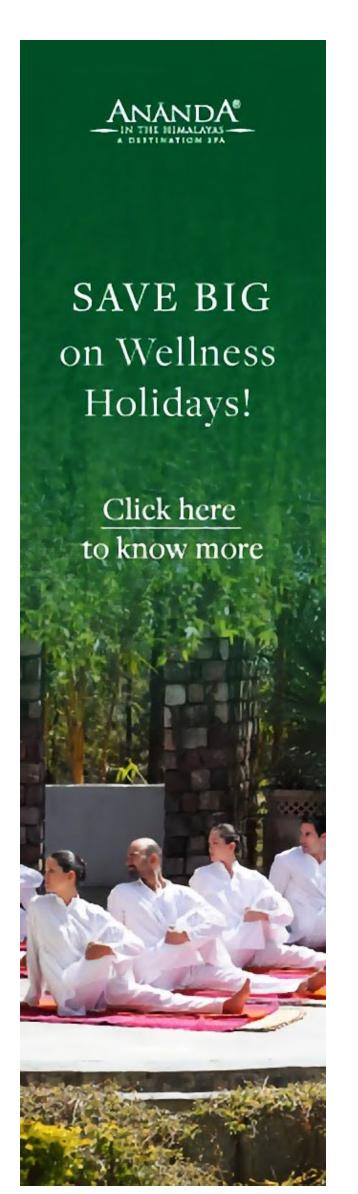




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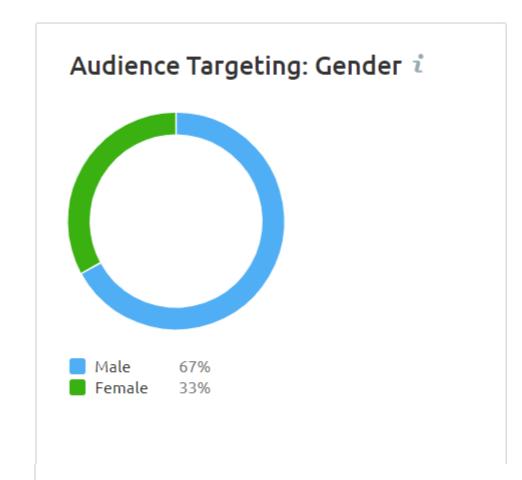


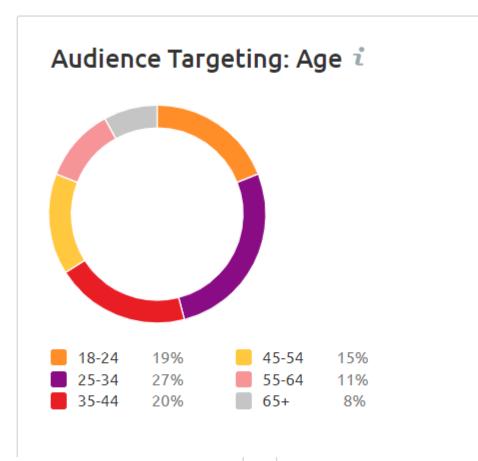


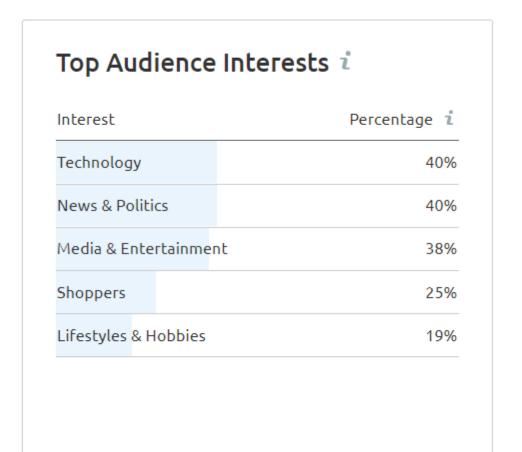




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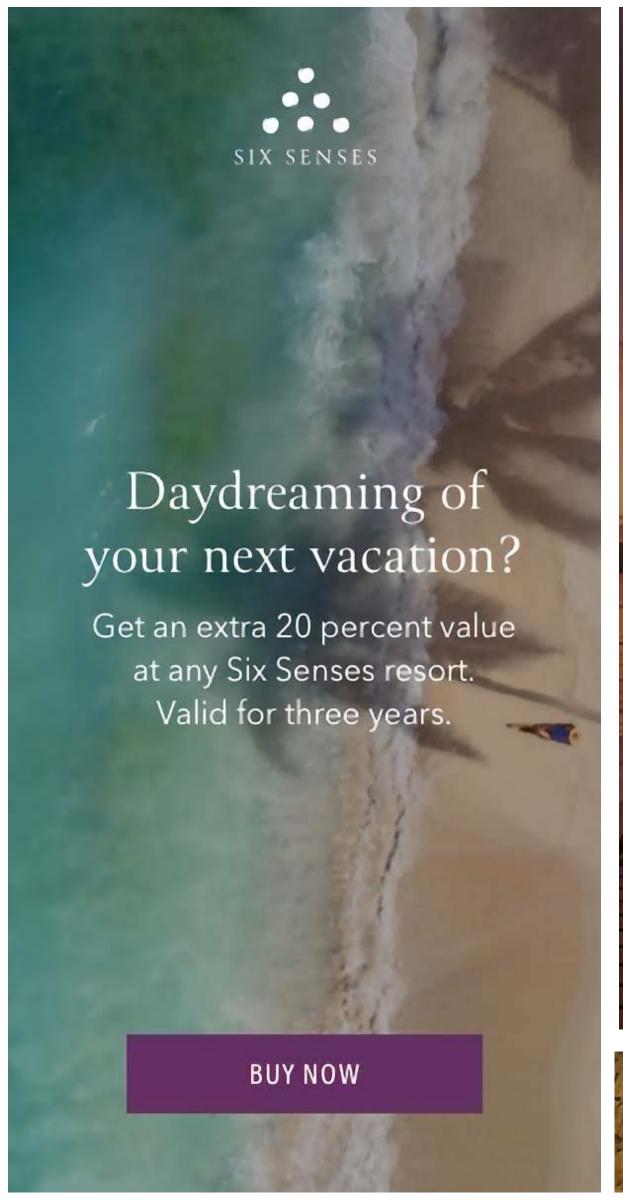
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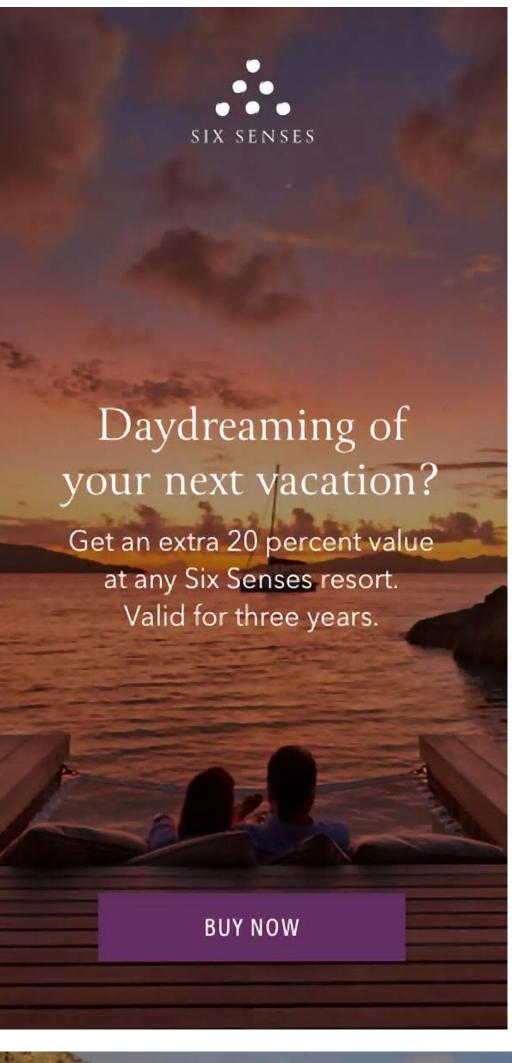
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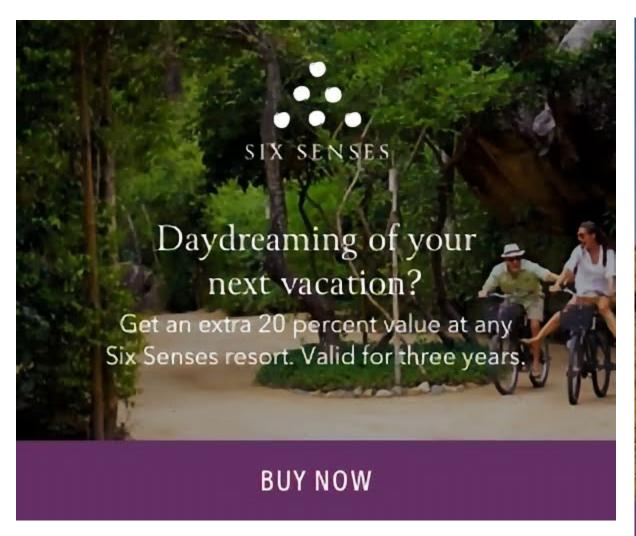
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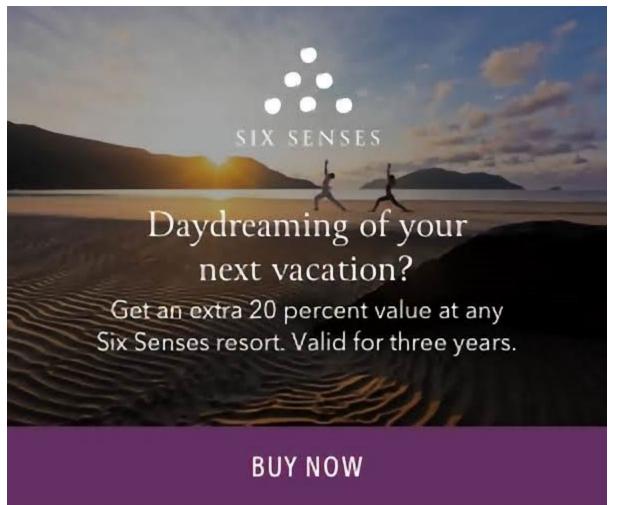
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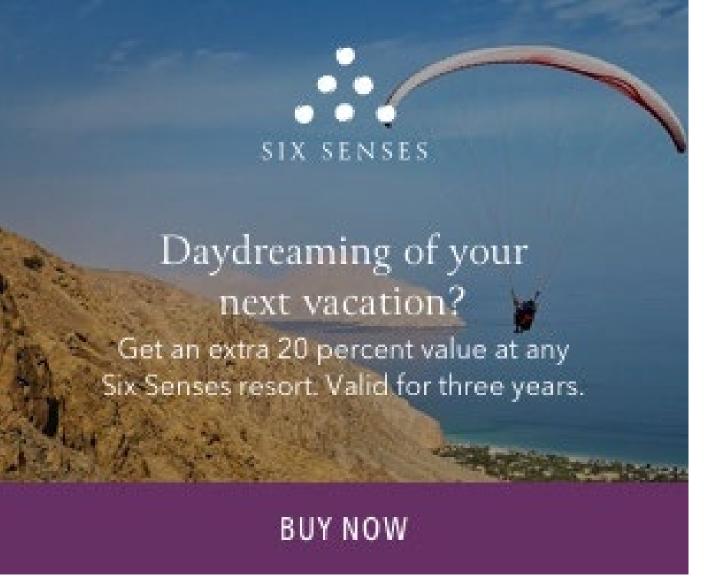


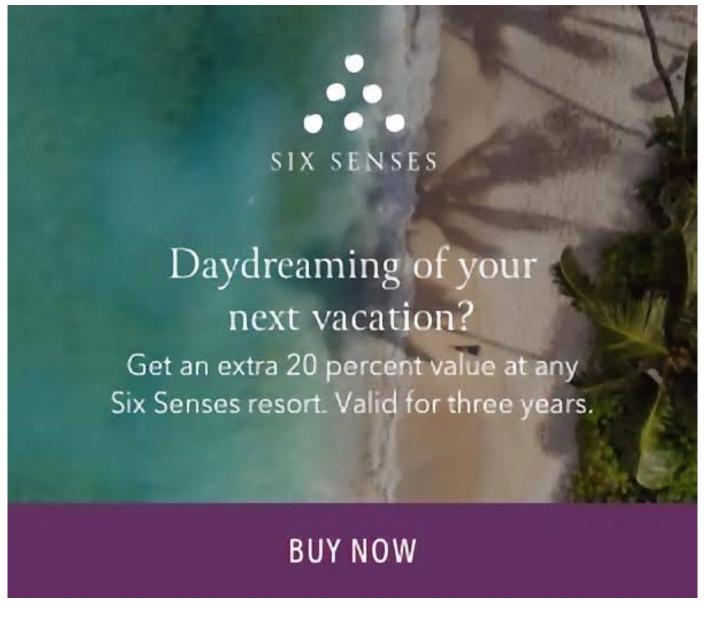




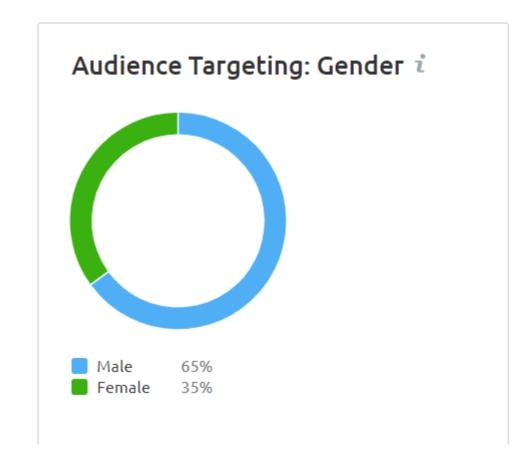


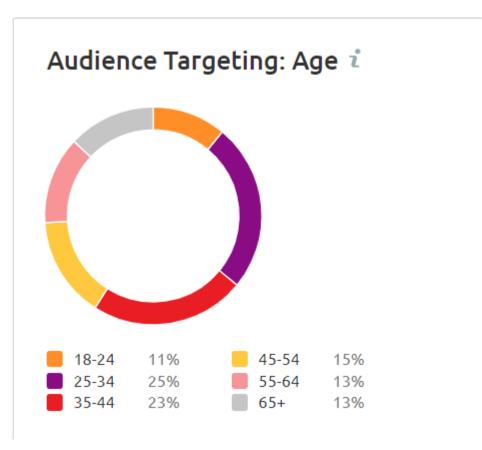






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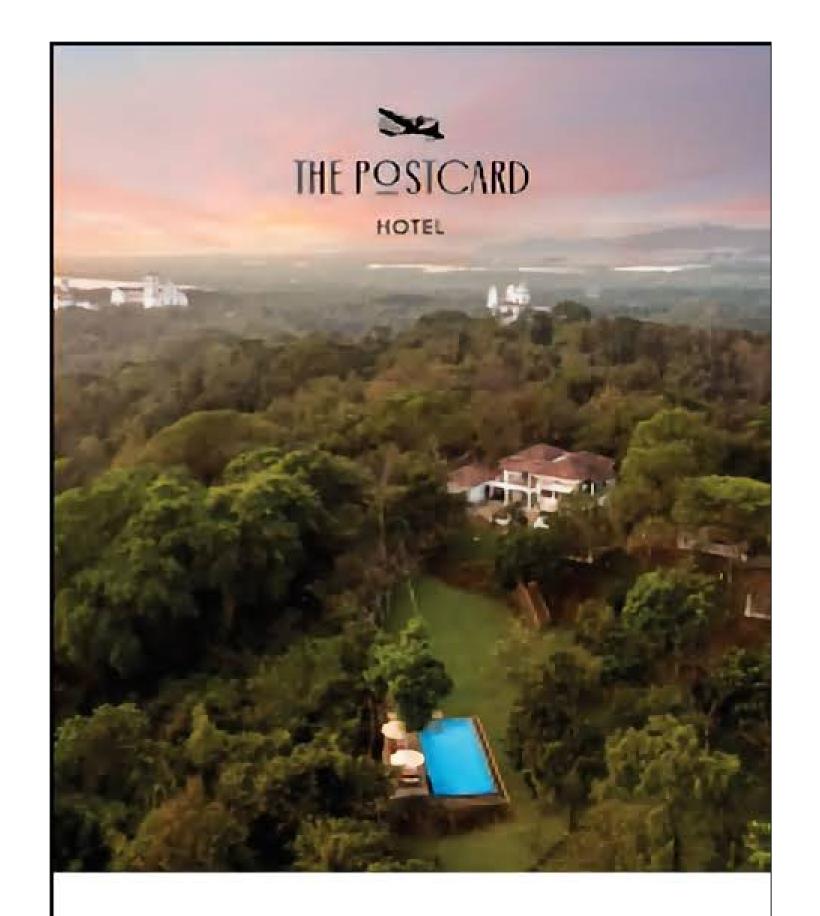
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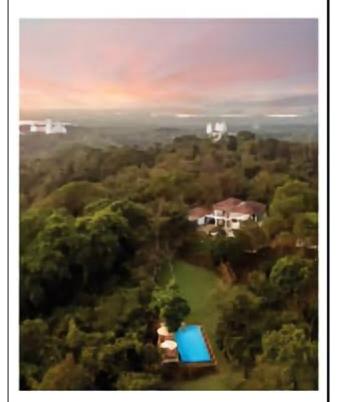


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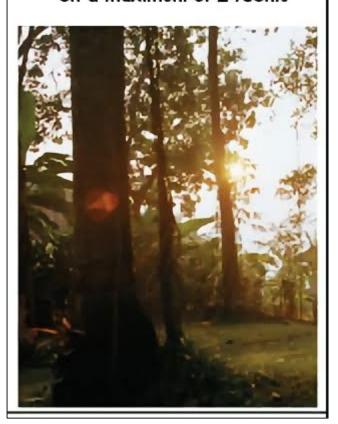




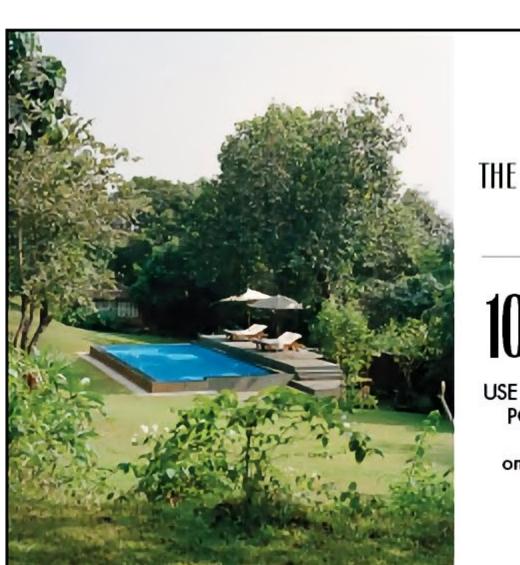
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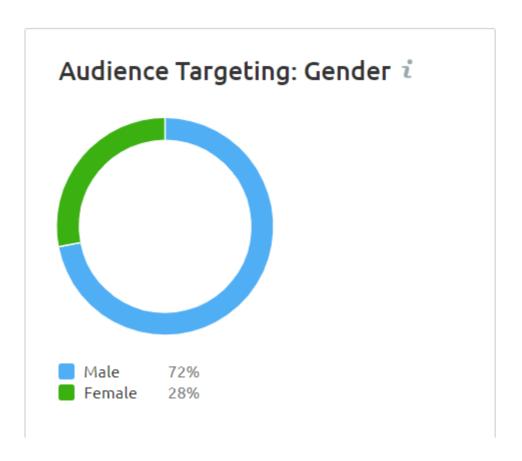
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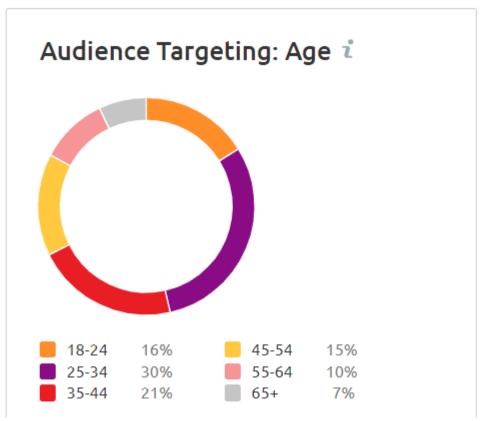
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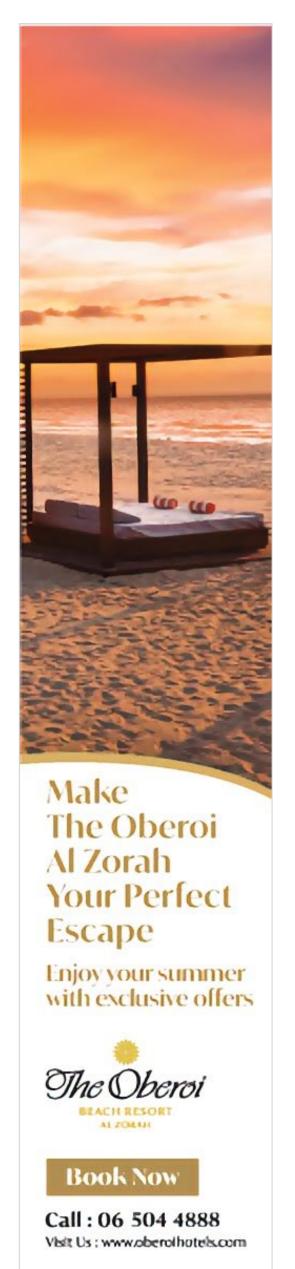




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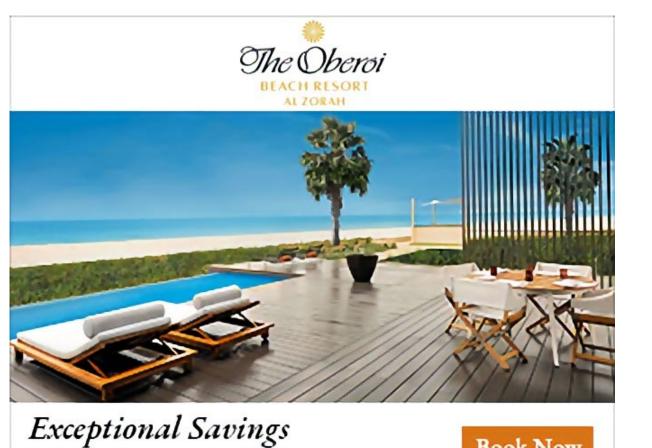


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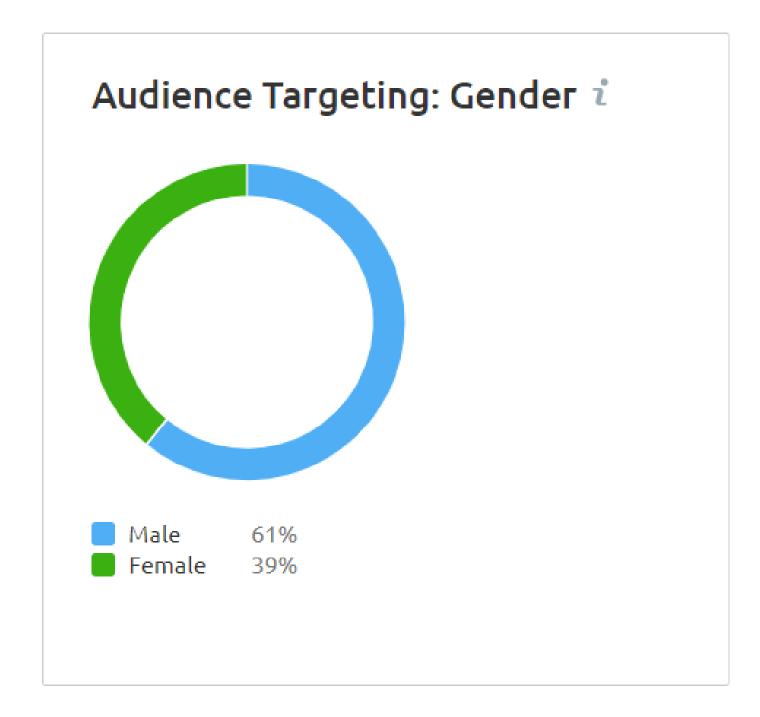


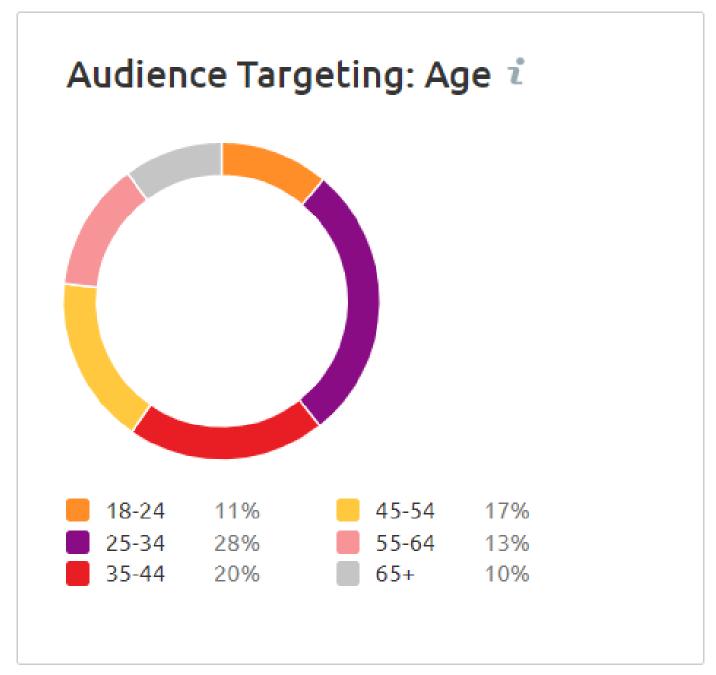


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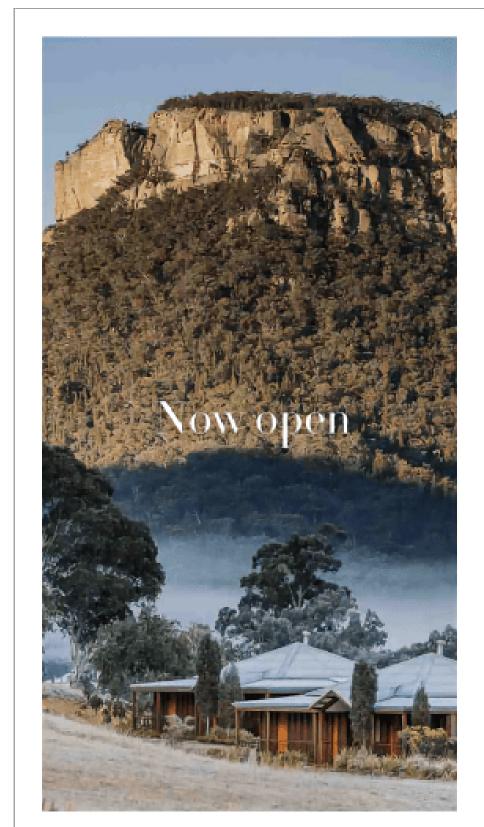
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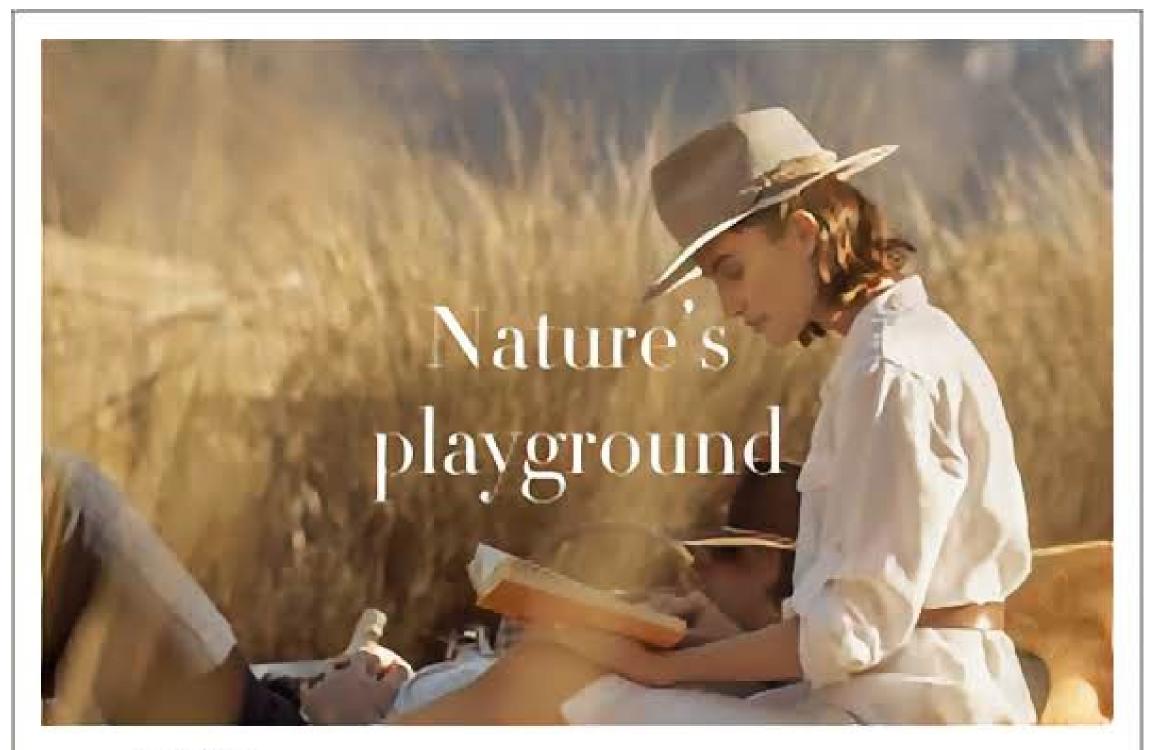
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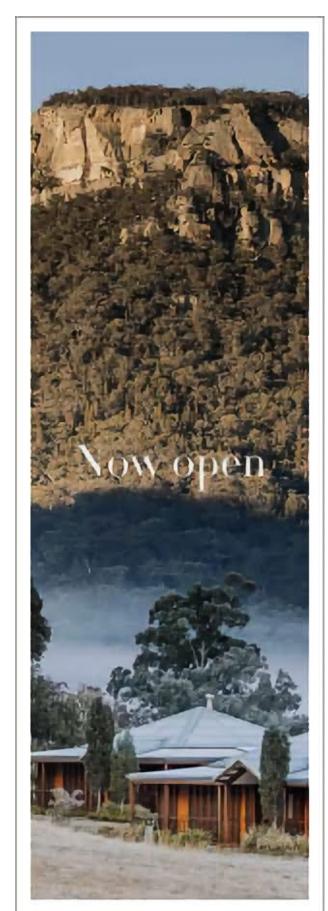
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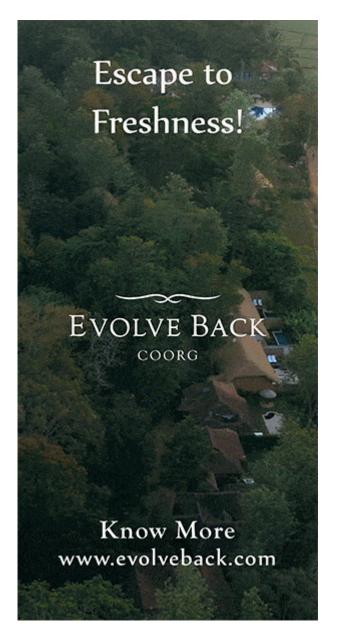
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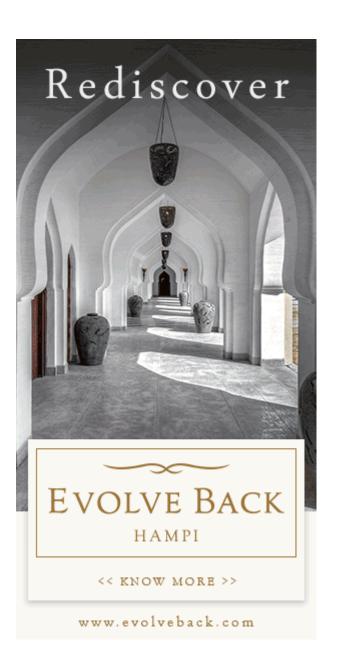


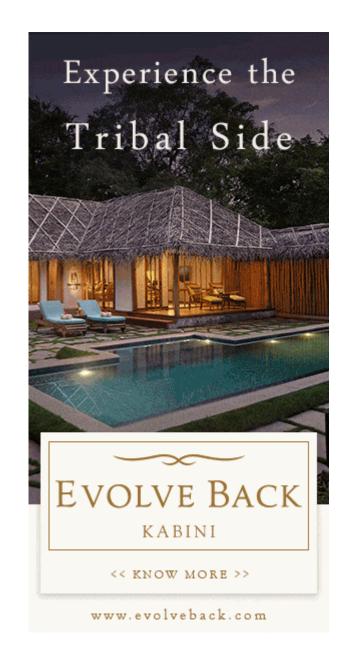
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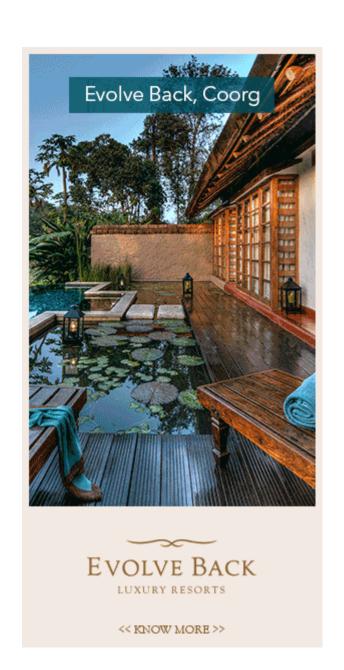
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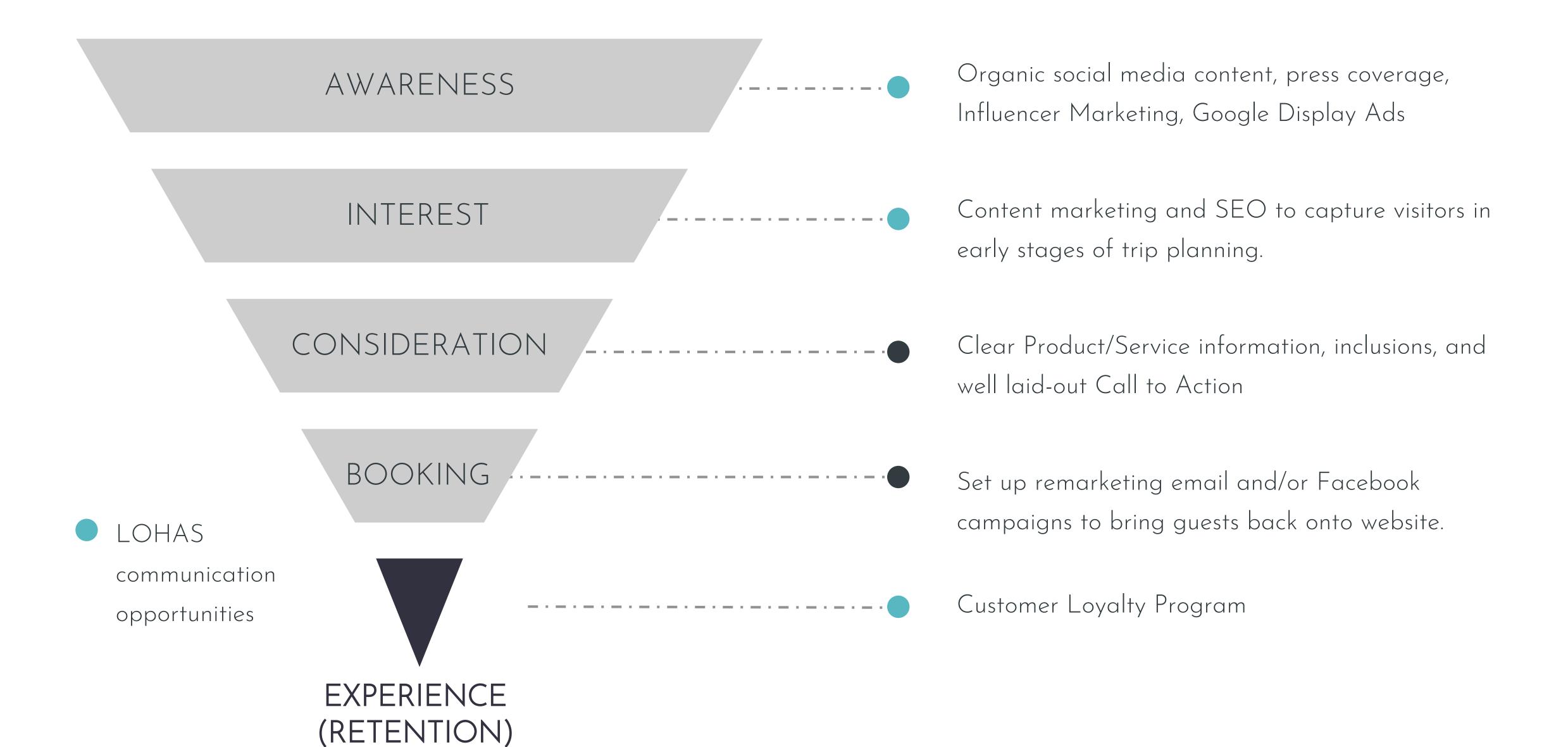








#### The Funnel





## Intellectual Positioning

It is recommended that Dusit Thani Maldives positions itself as the champion of Maldivian ecosystems, culture, art and history. To this end, creating a channel of constant communication by co-opting thought leaders in relevant domains with possible experiences curated by them for special interest groups will create the necessary aura and gravity propelling the brand into the cerebral realm.

A perfect case study for this is the river cruising and hospitality company of Southeast Asia, Pandaw.



### Responsible Hospitality Positioning

- Every communication starts with Brand Assets
- Begin with content about DTM's Sustainability practices on the website and Social Media Channels
- Dusit Thani's guide to Responsible Travel
- Become a member of organizations such as RTSOI and use their platform to create a brand identity and niche
- Blogger engagement with bloggers talking about Responsible travel
- Intellectual Brand Positioning

## Dusit Thani Maldives

#### STYLISH & SUSTAINABLE

Embrace the harmonious blend of Thai heritage and the **eco-conscious Maldivian island** culture at Dusit Thani Maldives. Located on Mudhdhoo Island, within the Maldives' esteemed UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, our resort is a sustainable haven, just 35 minutes by seaplane from Malé or a 25-minute domestic flight followed by a brief speedboat ride from Dharavandhoo Airport.

Indulge in the lap of luxury with our beachfront and over-water villas and residences, designed with a commitment to sustainability. Immerse yourself in authentic wellness and the island adventure, Savor fine dining experiences, and find serenity amidst the vibrant marine life of our house reef. Our Devarana Spa, nestled among coconut trees, offers elevated treatment rooms that honour nature's beauty, while our full-service amenities ensure that every desire is met with utmost care for the environment.



### Content Marketing

Launch a blog section on the microsite of Dusit Thani Maldives with a sharp focus on Responsible Hospitality and Sustainable Tourism as below:

- DTM's Responsible Travel Commitment
- Sustainability Goals
- Local Community & Sustainability
- What is Responsible Tourism And Why Is It Important?
- Responsible Experiences at DTM
- Kitchen Garden Walk & Lunch (Farm to Fork)
- Protecting the fragile Ecosystems of Maldives



#### Headlines

- ◀ How To Travel Sustainably In The Maldives
- ◀ 5 of the Most Eco-Friendly Resorts in the Maldives

- Green Initiative
- Sustainable Places to Stay in Maldives
- Maldives Eco-Friendly Resorts: 7 Sustainable Choices

#### Questions

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When did tourism start in the Maldives?

Why did the Maldives start local tourism?

What are the tourist-y things to do in the Maldives?

How to promote ecological tourism?

What is the best Maldives island for vacation? Why?

What don't they tell you about Maldives?

What is life like in the Maldives outside of tourism?

What is the most interesting fact about the Maldives?

Can unmarried couples go to the Maldives?

Why is Bhutan a green sustainable destination for tourists?

Will Maldives disappear under the water?

Will the Maldives disappear by 2050?



# Digital Advertising: Branding + Lead Generation

We propose running two set of campaigns:

**Branding Display Campaign**: Identify Common Brand Communication message (integrated with LOHAS) and run Branding Display campaigns across Google Display Network and Social Media.

**Lead Generation Campaign:** Run Display and Search Lead Gen Campaign to boost revenue during valley period.

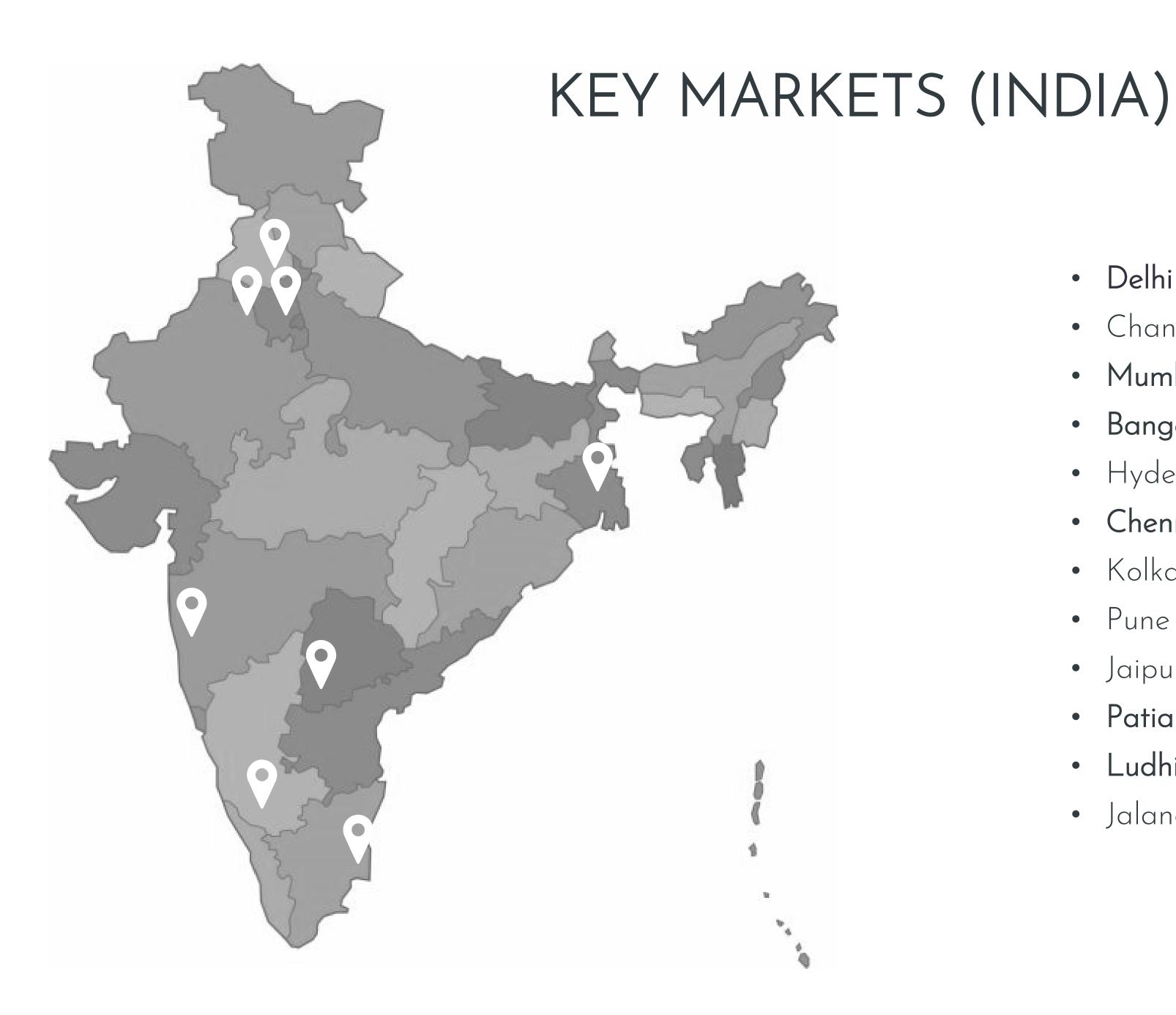


#### Social Media

Social Media should carry the same brand communication message as suggested earlier with a sharp focus on Responsible Travel and Sustainability

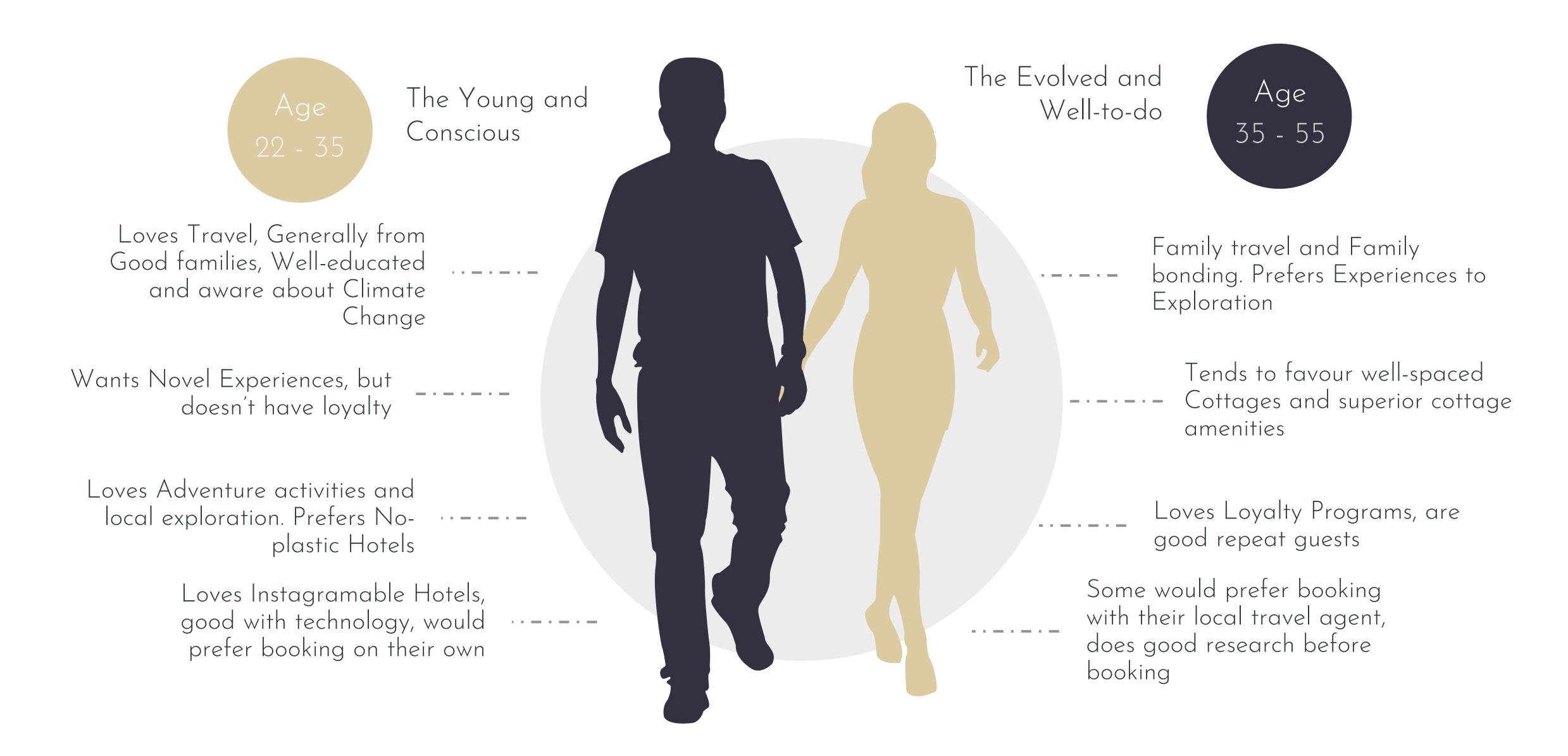
#### Influencer Marketing:

- Shortlist Indian influencers who have the power to bring in Brand Awareness as well as guests.
- Recommend at least three influencers to be hosted every month
- Have a brand communications kit ready and sent to the influencers prior to their arrival so that they speak a coordinated brand language
- Blogger engagement as an additional activity along with Influencer engagement
- Co-branding activities with brands like Mama Earth and PARO will help accelerate the brand message
- YouTube Ads will play a good role for Branding and conversions



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- Kolkata
- Pune
- Jaipur
- Patiala
- Ludhiana
- Jalandhar

#### PRIMARY GUEST PERSONA



#### LOHAS INDIA FACEBOOK AUDIENCE

Wellness and Mindfulness:	Sustainable Living and Eco-friendly Practices:	Luxury Travel and Experiences:	Adventure and Outdoor Activities:	Honeymoon and Romantic Getaways:	Behaviours:
<ul> <li>Yoga</li> <li>Meditation</li> <li>Ayurveda</li> <li>Spa and wellness retreats</li> <li>Wellness lifestyle</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sustainable travel</li> <li>Organic and natural products</li> <li>Environmental conservation</li> <li>Renewable energy</li> <li>Zero waste lifestyle</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Luxury resorts and hotels</li> <li>High-end travel</li> <li>Fine dining and gastronomy</li> <li>Exclusive travel experiences</li> <li>Luxury spa and wellness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scuba diving</li> <li>Snorkelling</li> <li>Water sports (e.g., kayaking, paddleboarding)</li> <li>Nature exploration</li> <li>Wildlife enthusiasts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recently engaged or married</li> <li>Honeymoon destinations</li> <li>Romantic travel experiences</li> <li>Couple retreats</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Frequent travellers</li> <li>Affluent individuals</li> <li>Online purchase behaviour (luxury goods, travel-related products)</li> </ul>



### Email Marketing

Two emailers per month to target groups.

- 1. Responsible Travel x Dusit Thani Maldives
- 2. Experiences x Dusit Thani Maldives
- 3. Email communications to Travel Agents with clear information about experiences integrated with LOHAS.





#### Dusit Thani Maldives x RARE

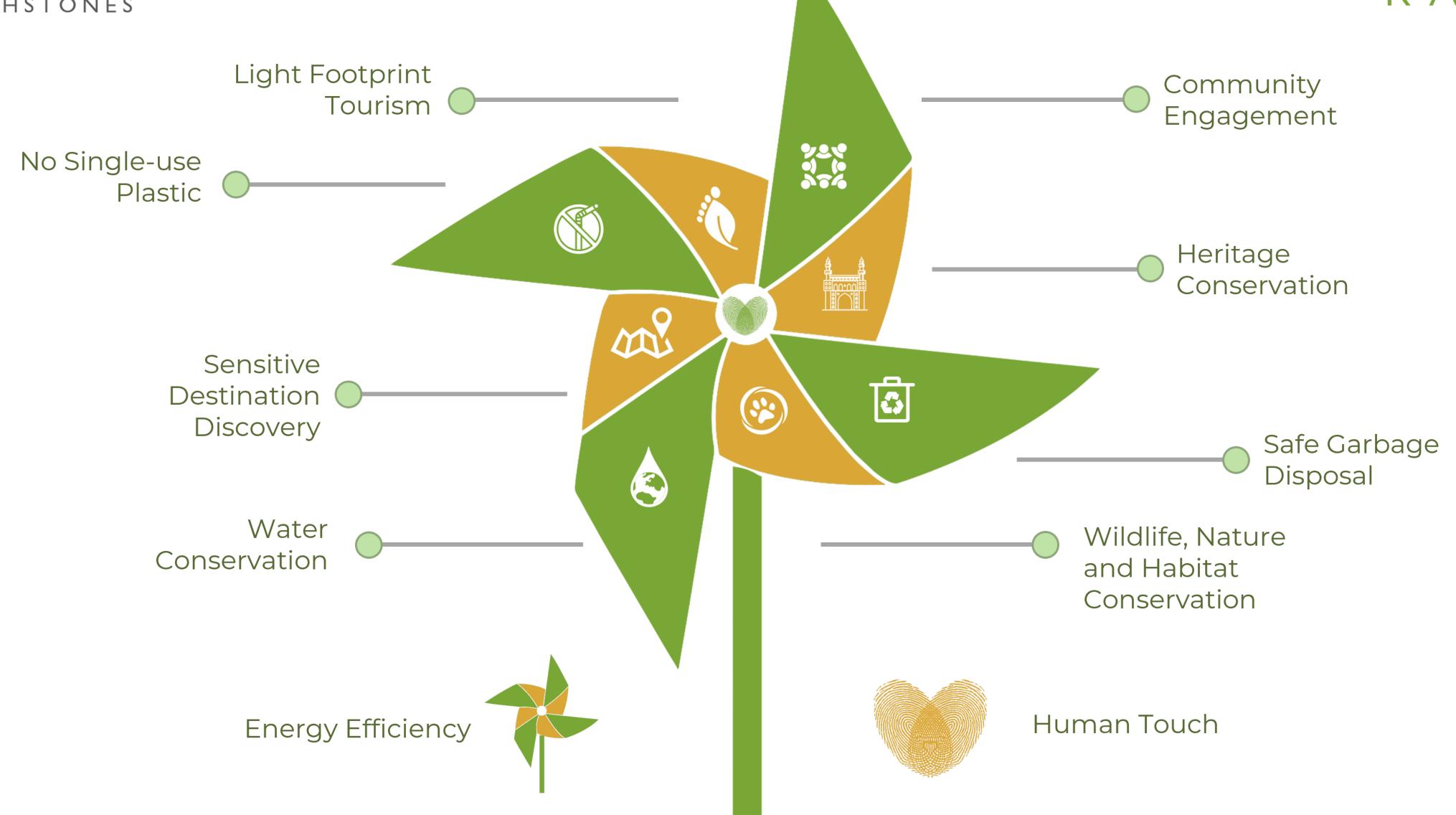
RARE India is a community of Owner led, small and medium, stand alone and independent groups of hotels, palaces, forts, homestays, retreats and lodges with an uncanny sense of 'Conscious Luxury Travel', hence pioneering ideas for innovations in luxury and experiential travel.

The community has organically developed since 2004, RARE has defined and often defied trends and the community of pioneering hoteliers have promoted concepts and continue to create value within the community and the industry. RARE is the singular largest group of experiential hotels in India, Nepal and Bhutan constantly referred to for its strength of narratives, ideology and value.

COUNTRIES: 4 | STATES: 18 | BRANDS: 86 | HOTELS: 100







## Summary of Proposal

Short Run	Medium Run	Long Run
Start with low hanging fruits such as:  - Create a LOHAS brand kit - Content on the website - Social Media Content - Email Newsletter	Launch a country-wide brand campaign on Facebook & Instagram (and their ad network). Target the LOHAS segment as proposed.  Use content heads from Brand Kit.  Establish Partnerships with entities such as RARE and RTSOI.	Launch a content section on DTM microsite with categorized list of Sustainability initiatives undertaken.  Roll out a Loyalty Program based on Sustainability values, co-created with guests.

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Thank you