

Rebranding Our Capital



The Objective and Process

TO DEVELOP THE VISUAL LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY THAT WILL ESTABLISH A STRONG AND INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE BRAND FOR NICOSIA

- Culmination of an effort that began in 2017 Jun 2017
- Identification of key characteristics that make Nicosia stand out Summer 2018
- Presentation of results of branding workshop Aug 2018
- Creation of a unifying concept that communicates the brand effectively Fall 2018
- Development of a strategy and campaign to establish the brand 2019



Why is city branding more important than ever?

PLACES ARE POWERFUL

Neighborhoods, cities and nations create energy and excitement Places connect us to one another in ways that online worlds cannot Today, the idea of place and its relative quality play growing roles in our prosperity as well

Increasingly, reputation, identity and the perceived quality of place determine where talent, capital and tourism flow

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What influences perception of place

PERCEPTION OF PLACE IS INFLUENCED BY A RANGE OF FACTORS:

- the quality of the natural environment
- parks and open spaces
- diversity of people
- safety
- economic prosperity
- variety of restaurants and nightlife
- the quality of the arts and culture

These assets and many others shape the perception and identity of places in the minds of people when evaluating places to live, visit or invest



In other words...

If we can improve Nicosia's reputation, both locally and internationally, we can improve the lives of all Nicosians



COMING UP WITH A LOGO FOR NICOSIA



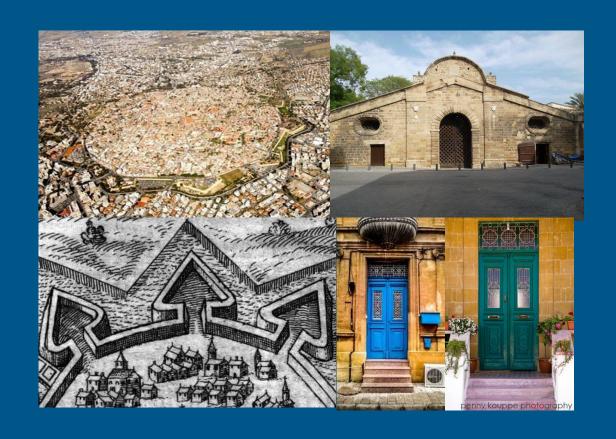
Qualities of a great logo

- Symbolic
- Distinct
- Relevant
- Memorable
- Adaptable
- Simple
- Timeless



What are Nicosia's most recognizable symbols?

- Venetian Walls
- Famagusta Gate
- Bastions
- Doorways

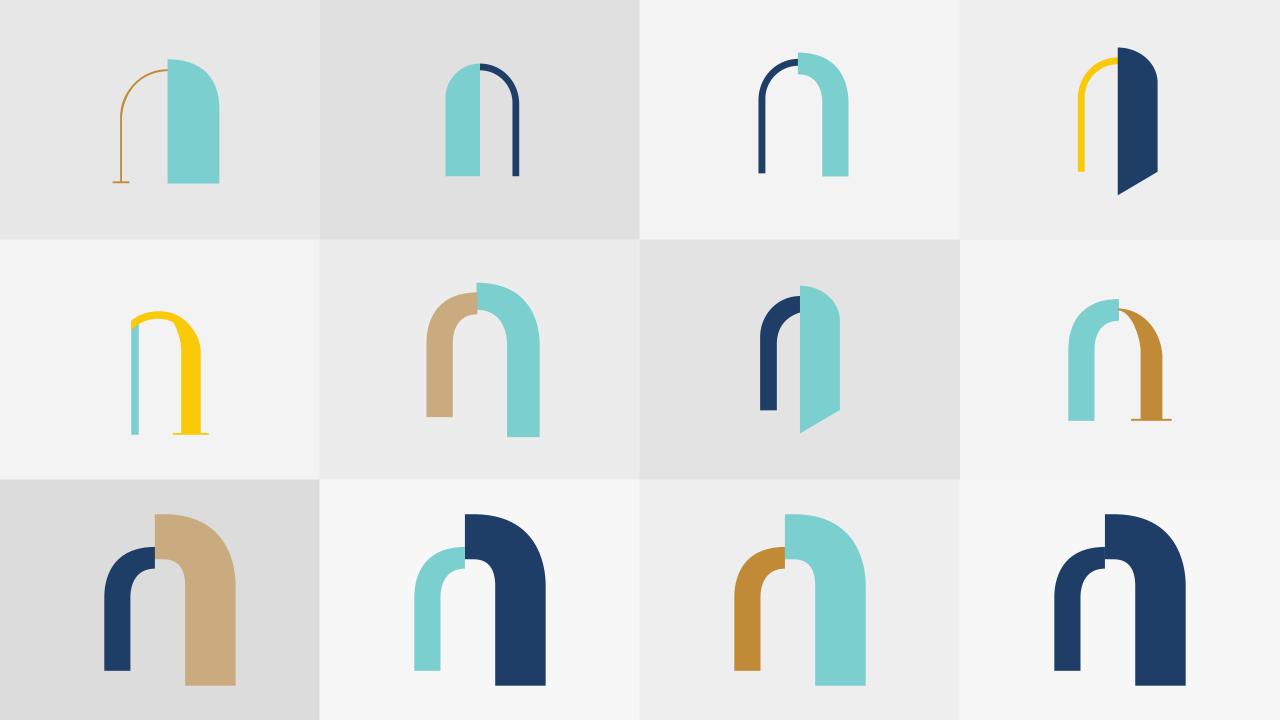


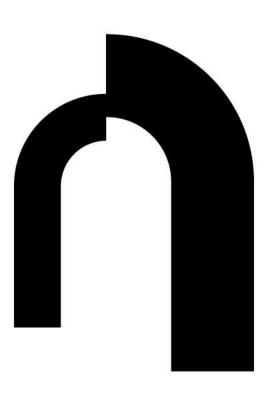


The Symbol - a Doorway

- Nicosia's gates and doorways are its most recognisable symbols
- Doorways are welcoming
- Doorways are a means of discovery
- Doorways offer the promise of something exciting
- Doorways can lead you to different places
- Doorways present opportunities







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COMING UP WITH A TAGLINE FOR NICOSIA



What do we want to achieve with our message?

- Attract more foreign and local tourism (both leisure and business/conference)
- Attract foreign investment and headquartering
- Increase the foreign student population
- Attract expatriates
- Boost morale and instill a sense of pride in locals
- Positively influence urban development
- Educate people



Who are we talking to and what do they care about?

VISITORS

INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE

COMMUNICATION PRIMARILY IN ENGLISH

MOTIVATION:

- EXPERIENCE
- QUALITY
- Value for money

INVESTORS

INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE

COMMUNICATION PRIMARILY IN ENGLISH

MOTIVATION:

- BUSINESS
- FINANCIAL
- EFFICIENCY

EXPATS

INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE

COMMUNICATION
PRIMARILY IN ENGLISH

MOTIVATION:

- LIFE QUALITY
- FAMILY
- SAFETY

Locals

LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUDIENCE

COMMUNICATION PRIMARILY IN GREEK

MOTIVATION:

- PRIDE
- (Re)discovery
- OPTIMISM



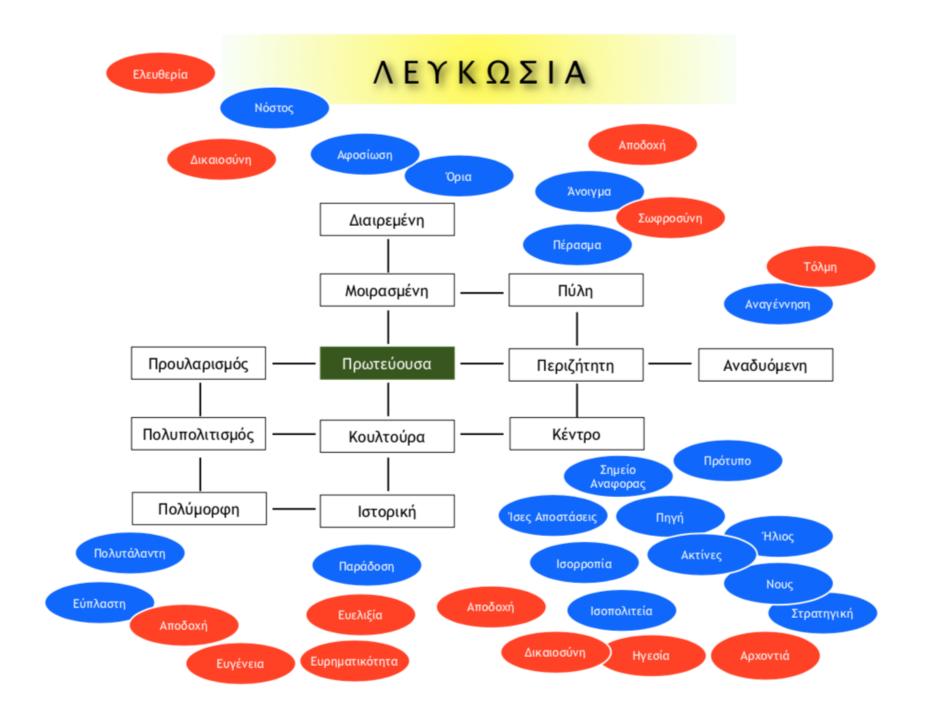
How do others do it? Examples of successful city brand taglines

- New York The City That Never Sleeps
- Paris The City of Lights
- Las Vegas What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas
- Nashville The Music City
- Amsterdam I Amsterdam
- Tokyo Old Meets New
- Singapore Passion Made Possible
- Stockholm The Capital of Scandinavia
- Moscow Wow, It's Moscow
- Brussels Sprout to Be Brussels



QUESTION:

Is Nicosia truly exceptional at one thing that can singlehandedly characterize it?

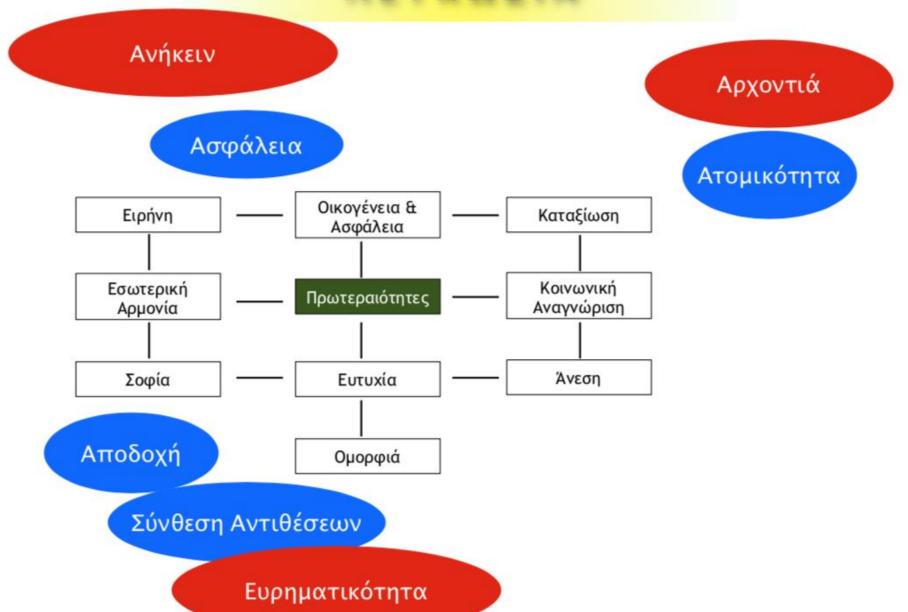




What is special about Nicosia?

- #1 among European cities of similar size for human capital and lifestyle (ahead of oxford, geneva and basel)
 Financial Times, 2016
- 32nd richest city in the world by purchasing power UBS, 2018
- Capital of the safest country in the World for young people World Health Organization, 2017
- Capital of the 5th best relocation destination in the World Knight Frank Global Lifestyle Review, 2013
- Financial capital and main international business center of Cyprus a global business hub
- Over 30,000 university students and 5 universities (>10% of population, 1/3 international) a university city
- Affordable cost of living and low-tax regime for expats
- 4,500 years of history and culture (37 museums, 6 art galleries, 7 monuments)
- Farthest southeast of all EU member state capitals Gateway to Africa and Asia
- >80% of the population speaks English
- Sunniest capital of Europe over 300 days of sunshine annually
- Last divided capital of Europe

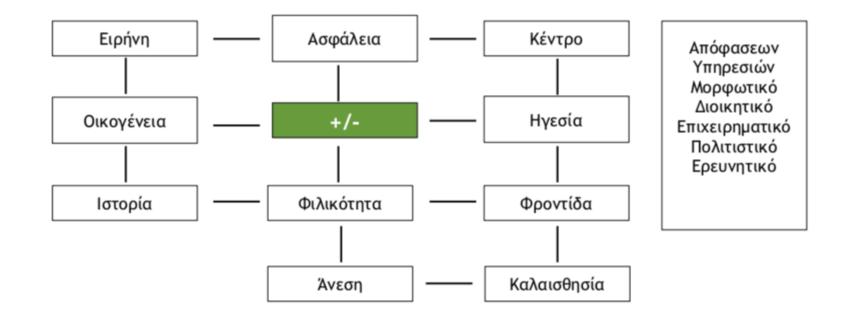
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Ευρηματικότητα



What are Nicosia's Main Selling Points?

- University city (young, educated, innovative)
- Standard of living (safe, prosperous, affordable, climate, distances)
- Business hub (modern, service-oriented, infrastructure)
- Rich and diverse history and culture (people, architecture, museums)
- Bridges Europe with Africa and Asia (capital, strategic location)



QUESTION:

Can and should a tagline convey all this information?



THE SHORT ANSWER: No



Qualities of a great tagline

- Clear
- Memorable
- Smart
- Positive
- Unique
- Relevant
- Consistent



THE LONGER ANSWER:

A tagline can combine the one or two most unique elements and let the promotional campaign get into the details



The brightest capital of Europe



The many meanings of our tagline

Nicosia is literally bright

• It has the most days of sunshine of any capital in Europe

Nicosia is intelligent

A university city full of bright minds and innovation

Nicosia is lively

Teeming with business, culture, life and entertainment

Nicosia is colourful

• Blue skies, green nature, vibrant food and multiculturalism

Nicosia has a bright future

Growing, developing and constantly rising in quality



Brand Book 1.0.1

2019



IMPORTANCE OF IDENTITY

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Brand message

Brand essence

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Tagline English

Do you know what peaople think of Nicosia or what we are known for? Are people's perseptions of Nicosia in any way near the truth? Can we have an impact on it?

Brand tagline is the essence of brand philosophy defined in just a few words. It helps deliver the brand message in a clear and effective way, create a certain image and froms a certain attitide amongst the public.



SIGN & LOGO

Nicosia brand sign is a unique graphical element that communicates the brand message along with tagline. The sign design is based on a door/gate shape. Doorways and gates are symbolic structures that have great significance in our daily lives. A door is first and foremost an entrance. On a metaphorical level, a door can become an entrance to nearly anything so it encompasses one of Nicosia brand concepts: Nicosia is your gateway to multiple survices and opportunities that the city has to offer.

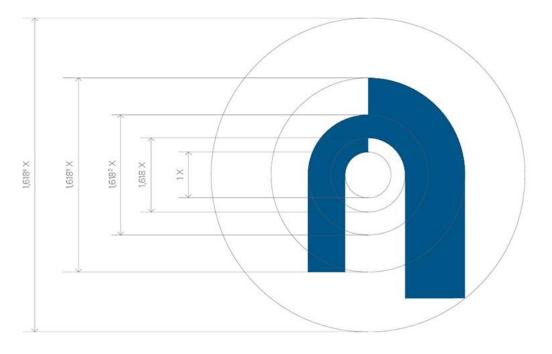
Door concept also reflects on the history of Nicosia, a city surrounded by Venetian walls with three gates, that used to connect it with other cities.

And as the brand slogan states, when you come to Nicosia "It feels like coming home", and our home deseveres a nicely designed entrance.

Geometry. Golden ratio

Phi (Φ) the Golden Section, has been used by mankind for centuries in architecture. The Greeks were aware of the pleasing aesthetics effects of the golden ratio. Appearing in many architectural structures, the presence of the golden ratio provided a sense of balance and equilibrium. The geometrical figure of the golden ratio is essentially pleasing and easy on the eye.

As Nicosia sign design is based on the architectural form of a doorway/gateway, the golden ratio use appeared natural in Nicosia logo creation and helped us to achieve beauty and balance its design. Each arch diameter relates to the consequtive one based on Phi number (Φ =1.618).



Main logo blocks

English horizontal



English vertical



Golden ratio aspect is also applied to the textual part of the logo to maintain balanced proportions between the sign and the text part.

The brand sign replaces letters "N" and "\nabla" in the english and greek logos accordingly to unify the bilingual brand identity.

Vertical logo blocks should be used ony in one fill color whereas vertical logo blocks onlways have the sign filled with brand color and textual part is always black.

Greek horizontal



Greek vertical



Scale rule

Nicosia's logo is clean and modern in appearance. The graphic quality of the logo makes it easy and flexible to use in different media.

For small formats

Semibold fontface Simplified sign details Increased tracking









Min print Size





Min digital size

When using the logo online, it is always better to opt for SVG format as it ensures the cristal clear quality across all devices including those with retina screens.





Clear space rule

It is important to keep brand logo and sign clear of any other graphic elements to ensure the breathing room.





Contrast rule

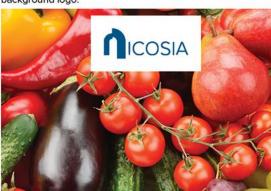
On white, light plain color, light low contrast backgrounds (light gradients, blurry light color photo images) use main brand color logo.



On black, dark simple color, dark low contrast backgrounds use white logo.



On high contrast images with lots of colors use white background logo.



On high contrast images with few colors use blue background logo.



Black and white use

Only for black and white printed materials.







Correct ways to use the logo

And Don'ts

Do not use any colors outside the brand palette.

Do not scale sign or text part separately.

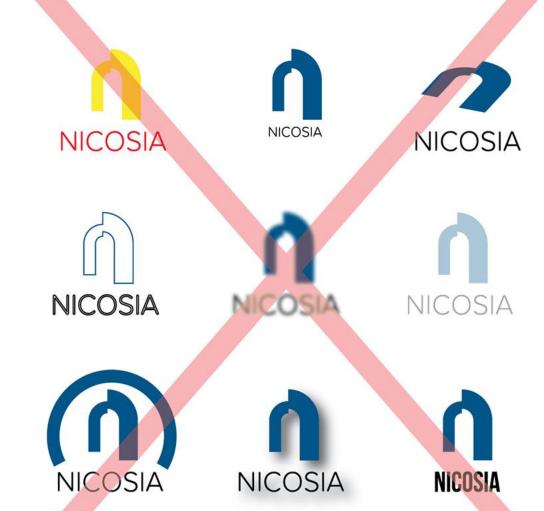
Do not change the typeface.

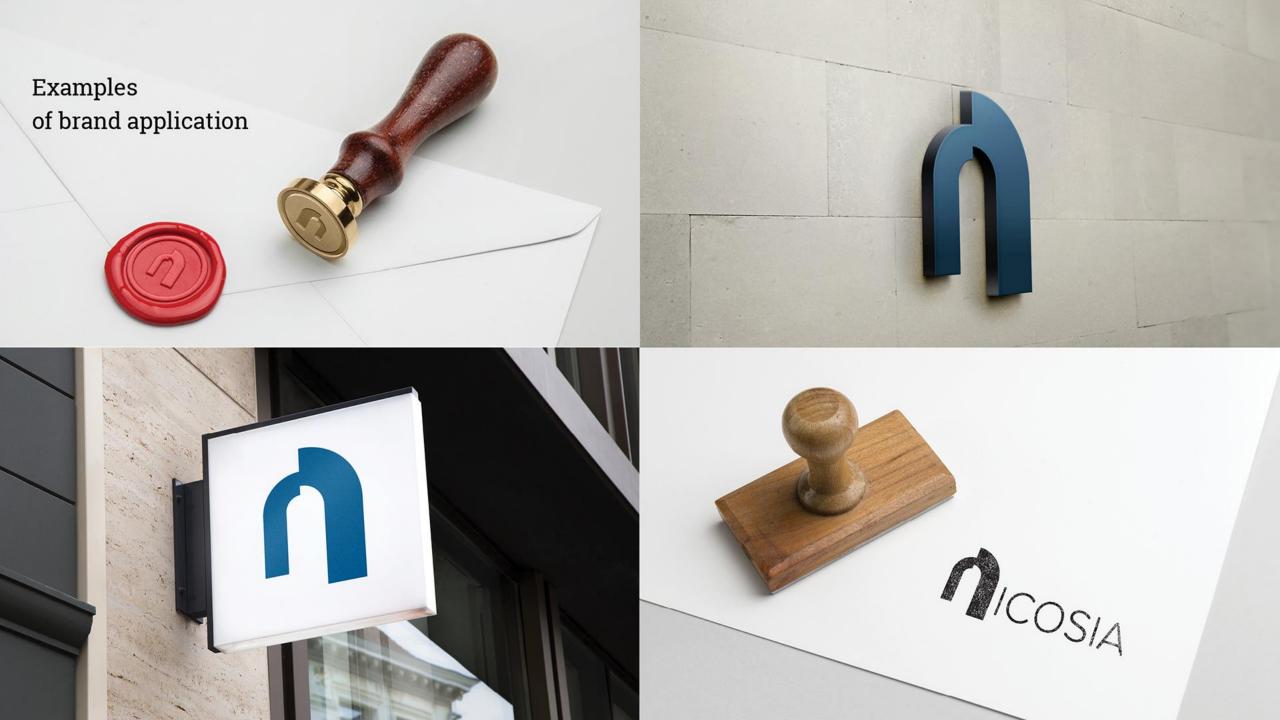
Do not outline the logo, do not change the transparency of the logo, do not create gradient fills.

Do not add extra decorative elements or filters such as shadows or blur.

Do not distort the logo in any way.

Never use just the text part by itself.





TYPO-GRAPHY

Typography is a powerful tool in developing of a brand identity. Using typeface consistently makes it recognisable. It pulls together communications and makes them more distinctive. The style of font we use to bring our communication to life sets the tone of our brand: clean modern and powerful to get people attention.

We use Proxima Nova as our primary font for headlines and body copy. It is complemented by Roboto Slab that is used for headers only.

Careful use of typography reinforces Nicosia city personality and ensures clarity and harmony along all Nicosia branded elements.

Accent fonts



Proxima Nova Thin

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Roboto Slab Regular

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Text font



Proxima Nova Regular

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Proxima Nova Bold

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Hierarchy

Title

Headline

Subtitle 1

Subtitle 2

Body header

Body copy

Caption

Proxima Nova Thin 36pt

Roboto Slab Regular 21 pt

Roboto Slab Regular 16-18 pt

Proxima Nova Regular 16-18 pt

Proxima Nova Bold 12-14 pt

Proxima Nova Regular 9-12pt

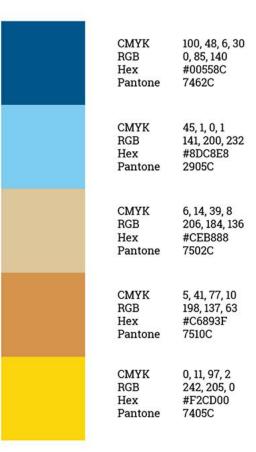
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COLOUR PALETTE

Nicosia colors are as important as the logo itself. They are part of the city personality. We have established our primary five colors, with dark blue one representing Nicosia itself, light blue - business opportunities you can find in the city, Beige is for feeling safe here, light brown is for culture and history and yellow - for endless sunshine. Nicosia secondary color palette is bright and represents other six categories that our city embodies: Education, Leisure, Nature, Innovation, Lifestyle and Gastronomy.

Nicosia brand is reflecting on the city character as it is today, at the same time it accounts for the future development and growth and it has a very extensive extra color palette to account for any future needs.

Primary brand colors



Secondary color palette

Consistent use of the color pallete will not only reinforce the cohesiveness of the brand, but color also serves a psychological purpose by communicating a certain feeling to you audience. And that feeling should be unique for each category of the brand.



Extra color palettes

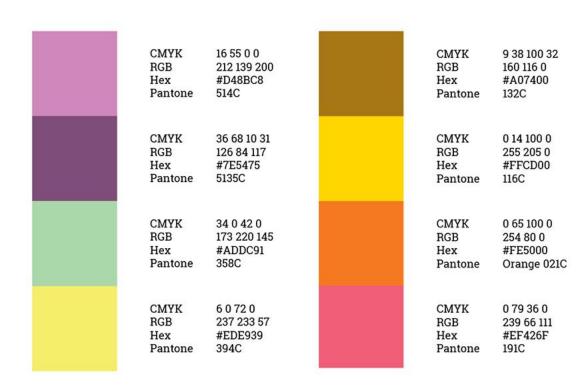


Image editing

Nicosia brand icon was design to resemble a door. By using the imagery in the corrected way we reinforce this concept by showing "Open doors" of Nicosia. We do that by masking the image inside the sign as shown below. Or by overlaying it over the image as shown on the next page

Mask





Sign overlay



Collage/Pattern



VISUAL LANGUAGE

Graphic message

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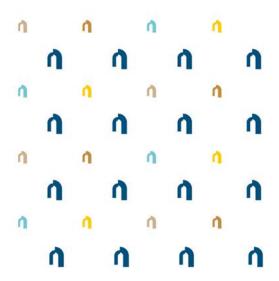
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Accent element

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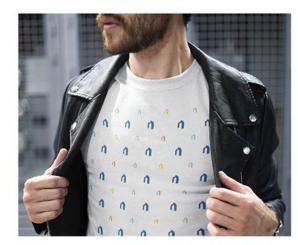


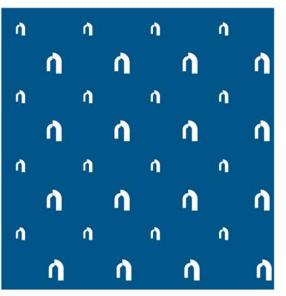
3 options:

Using all 5 brand colors on white (left page)

blue signs on white (right page)

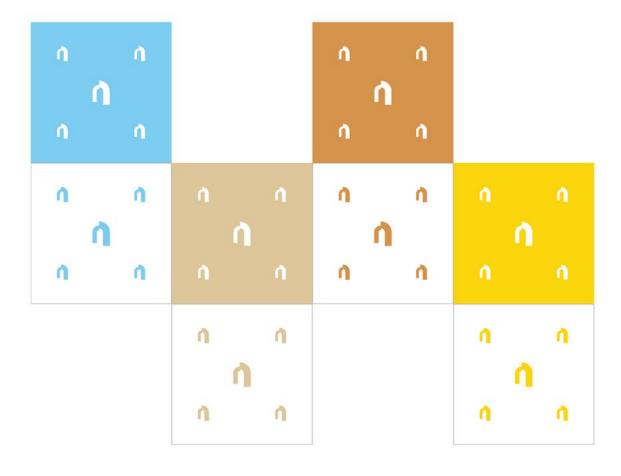
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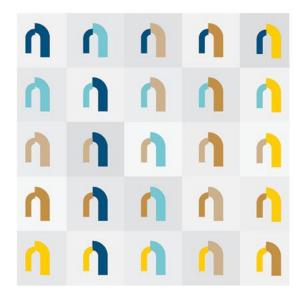




Pattern 1 brand color variation



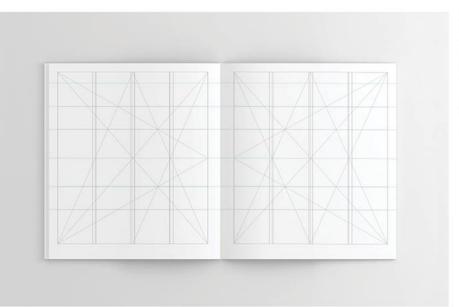
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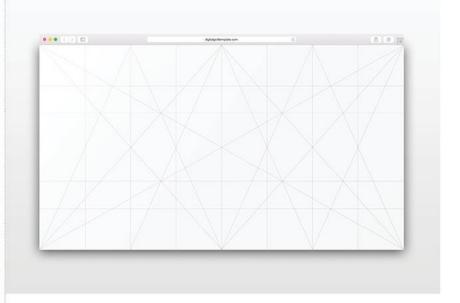


Grid for Print



Nicosia branding graphic materials including this brand book are designed using modular grid. Modular systems give enough flexibility across both print and digital formats while keeping everything coherent visually. As the logo itself, the grid is based on golden ratio

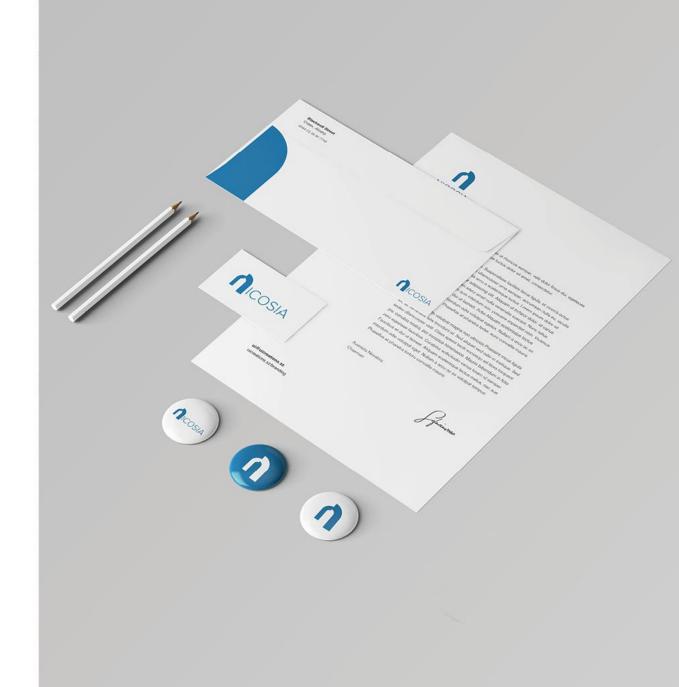
Grid for Web





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Suggested items for branding:

Thermos/water bottles

Mugs

Tote bags

Beach towels

T-shirts

Notepads

Cut out postcards

Traditional food/sweets/beverages packaging

Jewellery

T-shirts

Fridge magnets

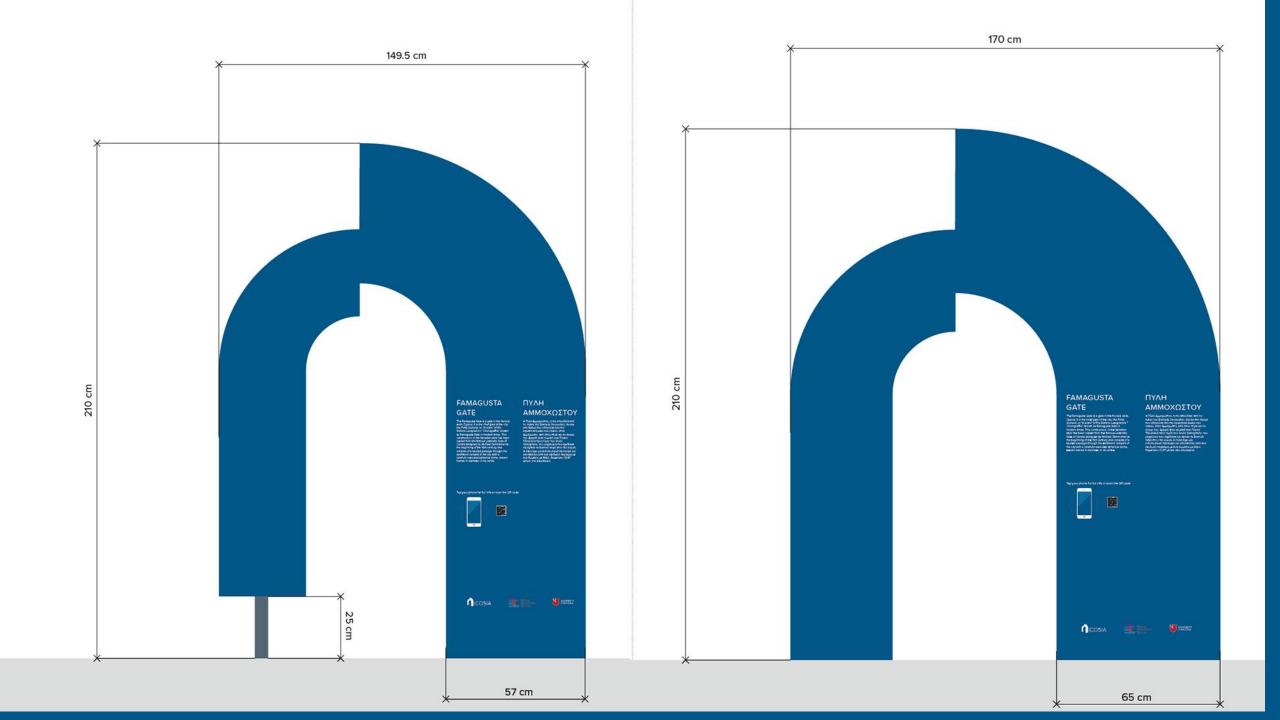


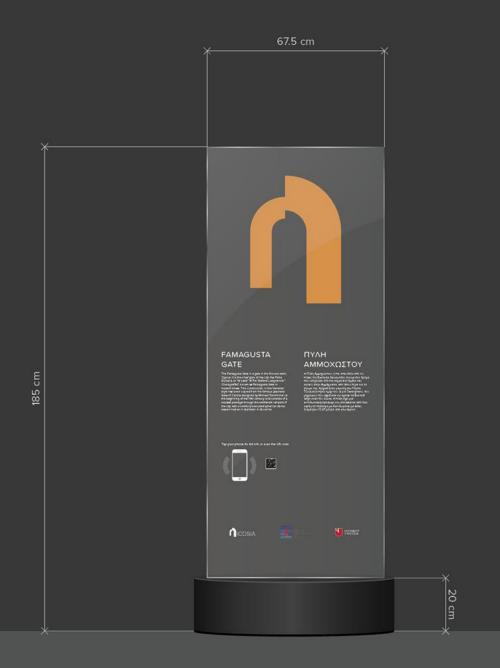
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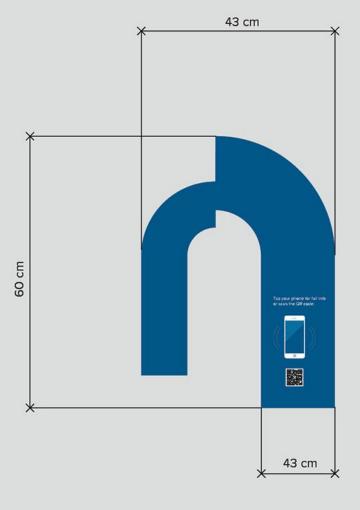
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PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN BRAINSTORMING



WHAT WE REALIZED:

Rather than standing out for one thing alone, Nicosia scores high on many dimensions



What do we mean?

- New York may be #1 for business and Lifestyle but isn't so great for family life
- Oxford may be #1 for education, but not so great at lifestyle and entertainment
- Paris may be #1 for culture but not so great for safety
- Berlin may be #1 for history but not so great for gastronomy
- Rio de Janeiro may be #1 for Entertainment but not so great on prosperity
- London may be #1 for diversity and gastronomy, but not great on weather

MOST GREAT CITIES AROUND THE WORLD REQUIRE YOU TO MAKE COMPROMISES



In Nicosia you can:

- Have a career where you can make a global impact
- Live in a university city and have a world-class education
- Experience Mediterranean gastronomy at its best
- Raise a family in a safe and comfortable environment
- Be just a few minutes from work, the mountains and the best beaches in Europe
- Be surrounded by thousands of years of history and culture
- Have a comfortable and prosperous lifestyle with access to great entertainment
- Enjoy 300 days of sunshine a year
- Live in Europe but experience the convergence of cultures



IN OTHER WORDS:

In Nicosia you can have the things you care about without making compromises



PROPOSED CAMPAIGN PLAN



2019 - The first year is critical

SPRING 2019INTRODUCE NEW BRAND

- Unveiling Press conference
- CHANGE BRANDING ON EXISTING MATERIAL
- Relaunch website
- BUILD NEW INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL
- CIRCULATE PROMO MATERIAL

SUMMER 2019LAUNCH CAMPAIGNS

- SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS
- VIDEO CAMPAIGNS
- PRINT CAMPAIGNS
- OUTDOOR (LOCALLY)
- EVENTS
- 3D STRUCTURES

AUTUMN 2019BUILD UP THE BRAND

- LAUNCH MOBILE APP
- More events
- COMPETITIONS
- SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS
- ONLINE SHOP
- Info installations



2020 and beyond

- Further engage the local community and stakeholders (municipalities, hotels, restaurants, shops, companies, cultural organisations, museums, event planners)
- Video campaign 2.0
- Physical shop(s)
- Highlight specific areas
- Cultivate brand ambassadorship



How can it happen?

FORMATION OF A CONSORTIUM FOR MARKETING NICOSIA

- Nicosia Tourism Board
- Cyprus Tourism Organisation
- Advertising, marketing, branding and PR agencies
- Software and technology companies
- Media companies
- Video production companies
- Event planners and organisers
- Printing companies
- Non-profit organisations and associations



TO PARTICIPATE:

Contact the Nicosia Tourism Board Email: info@ntb.org.cy

Tel: +357 22 889 600



THANK YOU

