

#### SLIPPERS

#### Pitch Deck

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#### THE BACKGROUND

#### "I love your slippers!"

The story of Brunch begins with Ally's travels. Often staying at luxury hotels and resorts, he found himself wearing their luxurious disposable slippers when roaming around town. People started commenting how they love the look of hotel slippers being out in the wild.

That's the moment when Ally realized that the look and comfort of hotel slippers can and should be be made more lasting, by adding a more durable sole. He began designing iterations of what would be Brunch slippers until he landed on vulcanized rubber sole design, keeping terry cloth as the main material of the upper.

Once Ally got his hands on the prototype, he began wearing them out and proud in New York City. People constantly stopped him along the way to ask him about his slippers. And that's the moment he knew Brunch is the next big thing in footwear/fashion.

#### MEET BRUNCH, THE SLIPPERS.

## Effortlessly cool anywhere hotel slippers

There's something about hotel slippers that make people go crazy. They're simply elegant without even trying. They're the objects of desire many hotel guests take home as a souvenir after a stay.



12% of hotel guests admit to taking slippers home with them.



## SIMPLE ATTRACTION.

According to a survey by the British travel site Sunshine, 12 percent of their respondents took slippers and nine percent helped themselves to a bathrobe.

Most hotel slippers are made to be disposable. These slippers are meant to be taken home as they are never to be reused due to the cheap construction and low production cost.

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PAIN POINTS

## Opportunity

## Cheap materials + Cheap construction

**DISPOSABLE** 

#### NON-EXISTENT DURABILITY.

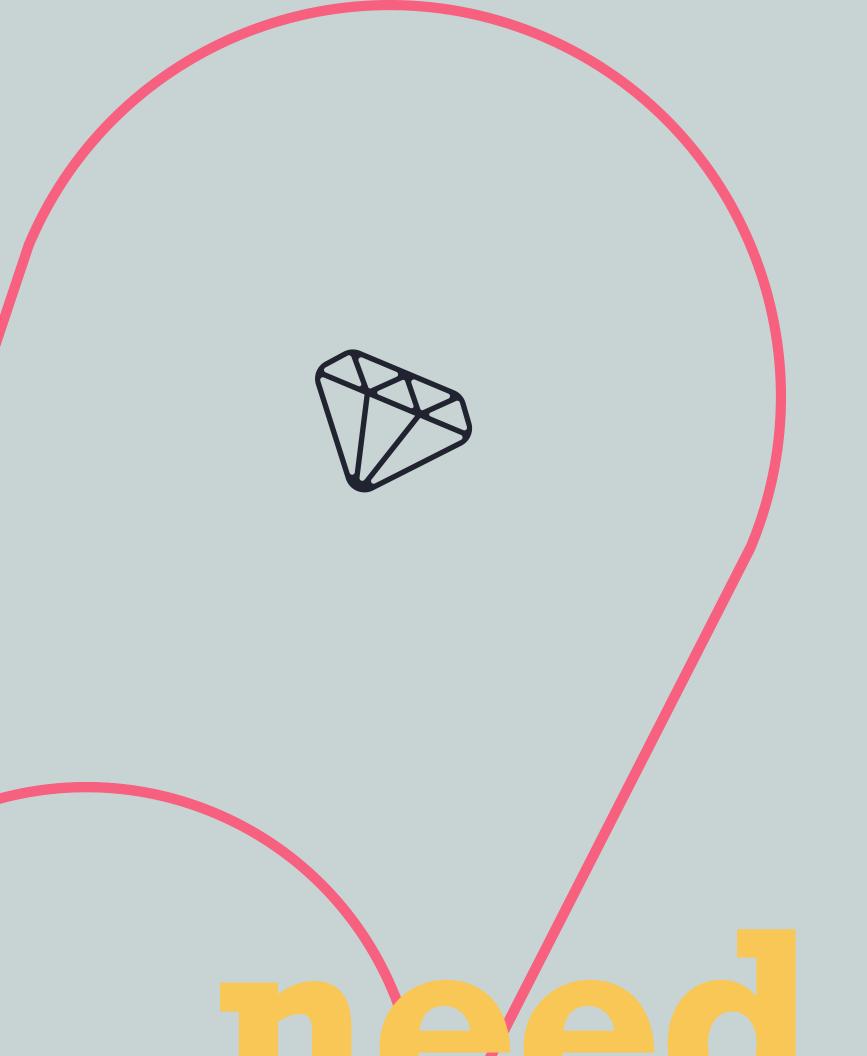
Even though people love hotel slippers for their comfort, their disposable nature also guarantees the slippers to deteriorate quickly after a few use.

They're also meant to only be worn indoors, especially on carpet flooring. But this doesn't mean that people limit their slippers use. People are often seen wearing hotel slippers to the beach, pool, even in the streets.

## ZERO SUPPORT. Due to the bare minimum construct

Due to the bare minimum construction and poor friction, wearing slippers not as intended also bear a risk of potentially injuring the feet of the wearer from cuts, aches, and falls.





## CLASS & COMFORT.

The desire to look good and feel good is universal.

People want both class and comfort. There are shoes out there that offer both at unaccessible price points. The cheaper options? They're lacking in class and style.

#### A BLUE OCEAN MARKET

In footwear, there's a large gap in the market between Walmart and the Waldorf that's begging for a new competitor. There are not many key players in hype-footwear market at the moment that can offer trendy, 'in' footwear that offers comfort for under \$100.

#### **Fashion Trend**

### First, ugly fashion. What's next?

## **ELEVATED CASUAL**

Reports show that the next big thing in fashion is an evolution of 'ugly fashion' trend which is elevated with formal wear pairing.

It's about the element of surprise; the subtle shock value; the spontaneous, child-like culture.

Think suit and dad shoes, cocktail dress and extra large tote bag, leather jacket and hotel slippers.

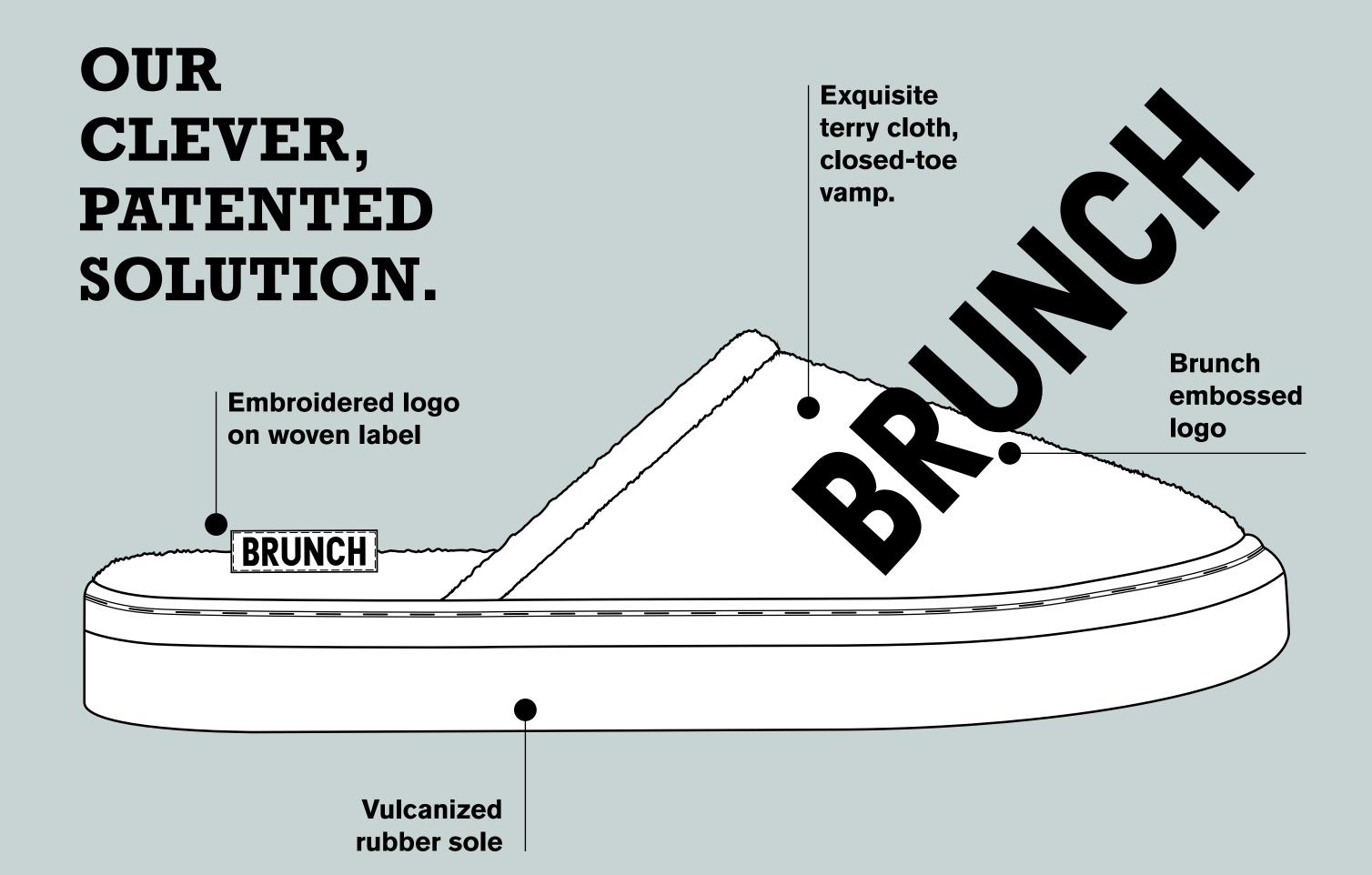


## A SIMPLE SOLUTION.

Brunch brings comfort and class to the masses.

The stylish slippers give the poise of well-traveled lifestyle. The comfort of terry cloth is blanket-comfortable even after a day's wear. The vulcanized rubber sole is effortless to wear in and outdoors.

What's even better is the accessible price point. Priced at \$90, the slippers are meant to be exclusive enough without the high markup. In other words: affordable luxury.



#### BRAND MOOD

#### **The Brunch Attitude**

Brunch believes in 'live and let live'. It is spontaneous and effortless all the while being stylish and clever, in a fun tongue-in-cheek way. It doesn't pat itself in the back. It pokes fun at itself and has a good laugh about it after.

## Effortless Cheeky Facetious Stylish Clever

# **ANALYSIS**

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#### **Social Response**

## Out of hopelessness, comes resistance to growing up.

#### STAY-YOUNG GENERATION

Millennials and Gen. Z resist to grow up in the world shaped by Boomers, observing their failures to take meaningful actions in politics, environmental, and social factors.

The purported chaos created by Boomers drives younger generations to live in the moment and to stay young through child-hood nostalgia and innocence. It creates a mood that feels familiar yet unexpected.

#### **Social Attitude**

## Leisurely fashion is a symbol of good life.

## LEISURE AS WELL-BEING

Throughout history, leisurely fashion is used by people to show that they'de made it in life, that they've achieved a work-life balance to be able to afford leisurely time.

When worn, sportscoat, ski jacket, ethnic dress, modern streetwear signify that the wearers can afford leisure and off-time. In an era like today where being your own boss is admired, Brunch slippers are the ultimate signifier of one's well-being.

#### **Footwear Trend**

#### Comfort is key. Comfort is king.

## CONSIDERED COMFORT

WGSN, a premiere trend forecasting agency, along with MICAM, one of the biggest footwear trade fairs in the world, both predict that comfort is going to be the dominating trend in footwear for 2020/2021.

The term Considered Comfort refers to soft, natural, comfortable, and tactile materials for an indoor-outdoor look that pushes dress-code boundaries that tie together fashion and the home. Hybrid styling is used to create shapes that cocoon and cuddle.

What's more fitting than terry-cloth slippers with vulcanized rubber soles?

#### **Product Appeal**

## Effortless. Careless. A little self-centered. Never too serious.

#### CHEEKY CHARM

The culture of spontaneity is currently reigning social media, complimenting the overly-curated culture of Instagram in the past. #IWokeUpLikeThis, its derivatives, and Snapchat, stories, became massive social media trends to promote "live and let live in the now". Dad shoes and pyjamas have become the two biggest 'ugly fashion' statements of late that aim to curb over-objectification and promote nonconformity. All this in-line with the societal actions and reactions Millennials and Gen. Z are most passionate about.

Brunch aims to cater to the market by supplying an emotional response through simple, affordable products: its slippers.

#### **Deciding Factors**

#### COMFORT OVER STYLE.

"I prefer comfort over style."

23%

"I like to be trendy with my shoes." Based on a survey done by marketing analysis group Mintel, more than half shoppers agree that comfort is more important than style. The sentiment is the strongest among males aged 55 and over at 71% with females from the same age group coming second at 66%. The sentiment is the weakest among females aged 18-34 and males from the same age group at 46%.

On the other side of the spectrum, people who most likely want to be trendy with their shoes identify as females aged 18-34 at 37%, with males from the same age group coming second at 29%.

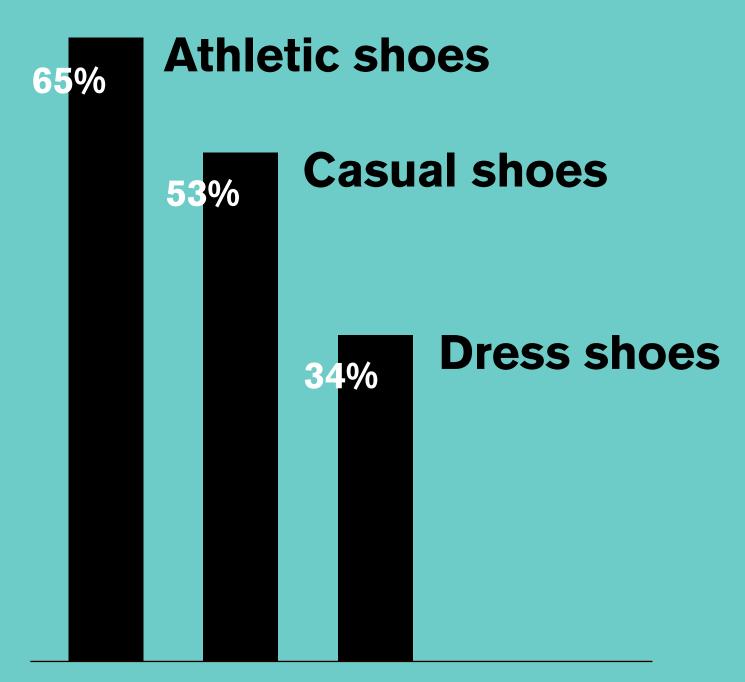
It's worth noting that comfort as the biggest purchasing factor in shoe-shopping is mostly resonant in the older age groups, regardless of their genders.

Although most looking comfort, younger shoppers are more flexible with it when trends and styles are offered.

Attitudes toward footwear, male & female, 18+. 2000 respondents. Mintel. March 2018.

#### **Product Type**

## THE ART OF ATHLEISURE.



Based on a survey done by marketing analysis group Mintel, both men and women most frequently shop for athletic shoes. This trend might be enhanced by the rise of athleisure and 'ugly sneakers' trend. Coming in a close second is casual shoes, purchased by 53% of the market in the last 12 months.

The sales of casual shoes in the upcoming years are predicted to be increasing as we're entering the transitional period in fashion of Casual meets Dressy. While the late 2010s was saturated with athletic shoes, casual shoes could be seen as the more elevated option for buyers who want to evolve their look based on comfort/style.

Items purchased, male & female, 18+. 1784 respondents. Mintel. March 2018.

#### **Sales Channels**

## From us, through our factory, to you.

#### DIRECT TO THE HEART OF BUYERS.

DTC (direct-to-consumer) model has gained popularity especially in apparel and footwear market. Long gone the days where consumers had to wait 6 months after a runway show to be able to shop for certain items. The instant culture of the younger generations also cultivates 'see now buy now' mentality. Not to mention, cutting any middle men also mean that products can be distributed and sold faster and cheaper.

Brunch plans to base any initial sales through its own e-commerce website with DTC model in the beginning. The direct channel also allows us to keep our brand message pure which leads to effective word of mouth advertising. After some time, we expect to have exclusive, premium wholesale channels that can elevate our brand presence and experience.

Racked. What Is the Direct-to-Consumer Sales Model and Why Should You Care? Aug 11, 2016.

#### COMPETITORS

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 Net Sales (2018)
 Net Sales (2018)
 Net Sales (2019)

 \$ 336 m
 \$ 1,088.2 m
 £ 454.4 m

TrademarkTrademarkTrademarkEspadrillesFoam clogsArmy boots

 Avg. Price
 Avg. Price

 \$ 50-65
 \$ 40-50

 \$ 150-180

Avg. Price

\$ 140-160

02 UGG 04 Allbirds 06 Birkenstock **Founded Founded Founded** 1978 2014 1774 **Net Sales (2019) Net Sales (2018) Net Sales (2016)** \$ 1,533 m \$ 100 m \$800 m **Trademark Trademark Trademark** Sheepskin boots Eco-friendly wool uppers Orthopedic sandals

Avg. Price

\$ 95-115

Avg. Price

\$ 100-135

# Operations BUSINESS MODEL marketing

#### MANUFACTURING

#### Initial

The first runs of production are going to be sourced from a factory in China. As for now, we need to finalize our factory options into one exclusive supplier.

#### **Long Run**

Depending on new product line offered in the future, some productions will be sourced elsewhere in the world according to the specific manufacturing need of the products. The sourcing will be based on specialized quality needed for a particular product (i.e. limited edition leather-upper Brunch slippers will be sourced in Italy).

#### SALES CHANNELS

#### Initial

We want to limit our initial sales effort through our own e-commerce website. By having 100% control of all sales initially, we want to use it as a leverage to create and observe market demands, and keep communication, feedback, and brand messaging as close to us as possible.

#### **Long Run**

After initial success, we want to focus our sales effort on exclusive partnerships with premium lifestyle retailers. The focus on this will be to elevate our brand experience and presence through a physical retail channel. To excite the market, we want to offer exclusive lines of products only available through these retailers. One retailer we plan to partner with in the future is SHOWFIELDS.

#### PRODUCT INFO

#### **Pricing**

\$90 per pair.

#### Cost

Slippers: \$ 16

Bag: \$ 1 Box: \$ 1.

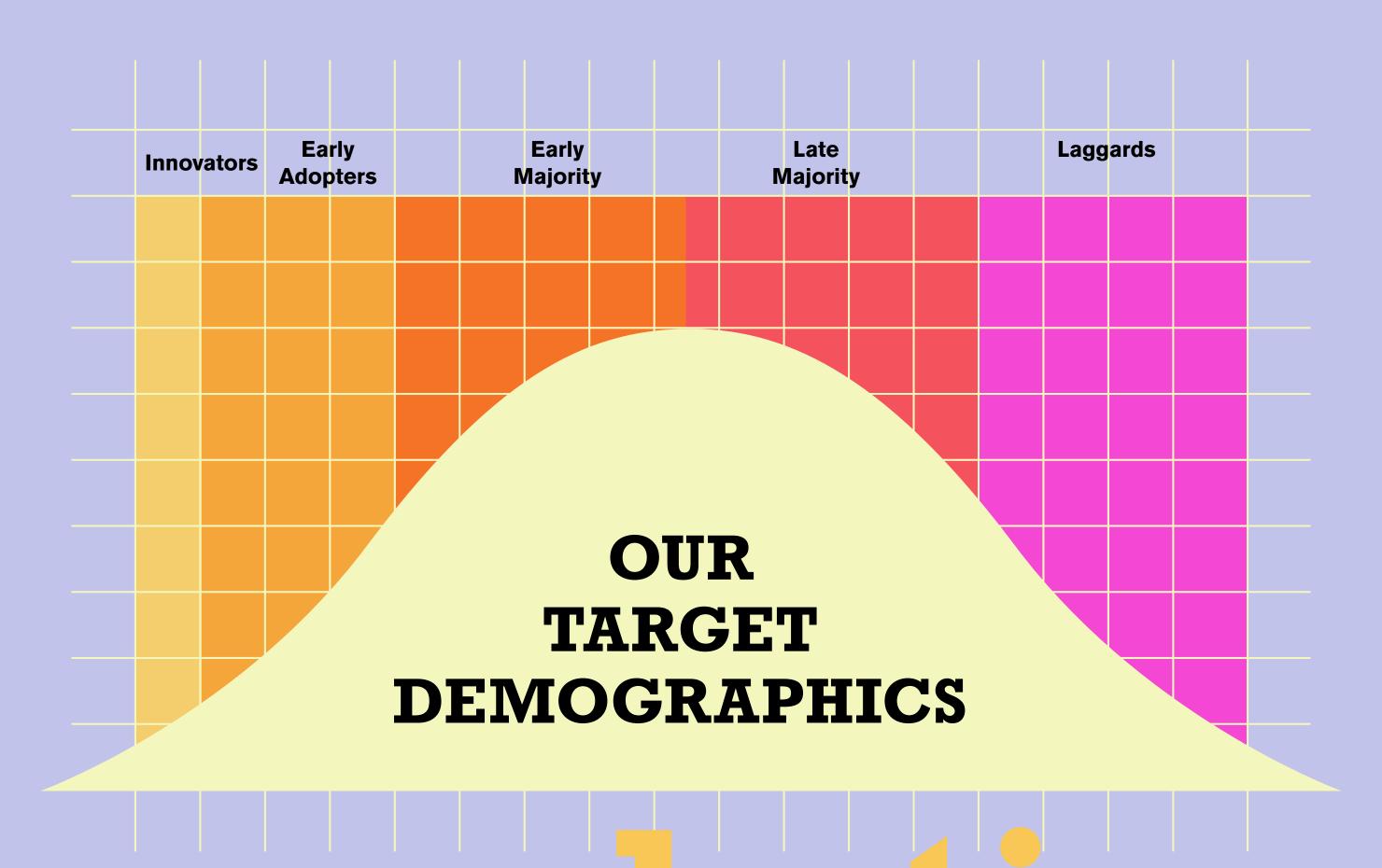
Shipping: \$2 Others: TBD

#### **Profit Margin**

350% of item cost

#### **Inventory**

1500 pairs, reordered based on demand.



#### **Early Innovators Adopters Initial** 01 The Pioneer 02 The Curious Celebrities Influencers Market Fashion stylists Fashion enthusiasts Trend setters Leisure Travellers **Socialites Freelancers Designers** Late Laggards **Early Majority Majority** Mass **The Validator 04** The Validated **05** The Pragmatist Market **Urbanites** Suburbanites Ruralites College students Young parents Grand parents Older parents Business travellers Young professionals Young Children High school students

#### TARGET MARKET

#### **Initial Market**

Male & female, 18-34, warm climate major metropolitan area. Our initial targeting will focus on younger consumers who are trend-setters and are eager to be the first in adopting new products/ideas. These groups of innovators and early adopters are not afraid to spend money on new brands they've never heard of before. Our marketing effort will focus on the emotional appeal of slippers as a new hybrid invention with massive potential of being the next big thing in fashion —that it's the embodiment of leisure lifestyle well-traveled individuals who live young and free.

#### **Mass Market**

After the initial success of first marketing effort, the mass market marketing strategy will focus on the proof of concept of Brunch. We will focus on the practical aspect of our products: features, benefits, success story, and trend factor. The early and late majority segments need constant exposure from social media influencers to be assured that our products are proven and tested.

## ADVERTISING CHANNELS

#### Organic

Sponsored organic contents Brunch social organic posts Word of mouth

#### **Paid**

Instagram
Facebook
Google
Pinterest

## FINANCIAL PLAN

	Cost	Amount	Total Cost	Total Cost in Month		Cost	Amount	Total Cost	Total Cost in Month
Feb					May				
Lawyer Fees	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 10,000	<b>\$ 16,650</b>	Instagram	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
Free Lancer Pitch Deck	\$ 800	1	\$ 800		Facebook Ads	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000	
Free Lancer Logo Design	\$ 350	1	\$ 350		Instagram Ads	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000	
Free Lancer Shoe Deisgn	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500		Start Taking Pre Orders				
Samples	\$ 2,499	1	\$ 2,500						
Domain (Brunch.us)	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500		June				
Marketing Company	TBD	TBD	TBD		Content	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,500
					Shots	\$ 1,200	1	\$ 1,200	
March					Instagram	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000	
Website	\$ 5,999	1	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,500	Instagram Ads	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	
Content	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	·	Facebook Ads	\$ 1,500	1	\$ 1,500	
Product Shots	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000		Gifting	\$ 6	50	\$ 300	
Lifestyle Shots	\$ 3,000	1	\$ 3,000		· ·				
Instagram	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000		July				
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April					Ads FB & Insta	\$ 3,000	1	\$ 3,000	· ,
Goods	\$ 16	1,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 34,500	Content	\$ 1,800	1	\$ 1,800	
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Other	\$ 1,499	1	\$ 1,500		August				
Packaging Design	\$ 2,000	1	\$ 2,000		Gifting	\$ 6	40	\$ 240	\$ 5,040
Tags	\$ 1,000	1	\$ 1,000		Ads FB & Insta	\$ 2,999	1	\$ 3,000	+ -,
Actual Box & Bag	\$ 3	1,500	\$ 4,500		Content	\$ 1,799	1	\$ 1,800	
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## PROJECTIONS Imilestones

## **KEY MILESTONES**

**Product Conceived** 

2019

**Patent Filed** 

October 2019

**Sample Produced** 

September 2019

**Current State** 

Sourcing

## Brunch aims to become the king of stylish comfort.

#### PLANNED PROJECTION

#### **Product Launch**

Summer 2020

#### **Long Term Goals**

Brunch aims to become a household name in comfort casual lifestyle product category. In order to achieve that, the brand aims to launch variations in the following order:

Color options

Socks

Footwear styles

**Apparel** 

Accessories

Home goods

After establishing its name in the market, Brunch aims to have exclusive collaborations with other brand names in fashion, lifestyle, and hospitality.



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