

The Brand Alignment Snapshot

A simple way to see what your brand is really doing

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Going Beyond The Aesthetic

You may not have a design problem.

It's a clarity problem.

Over time, things get added, adapted, tweaked.

New platforms, new content, new people creating assets.

And without realising it, your brand starts to drift.

The Brand Alignment Snapshot is designed to help you step back and see it properly.

It's a simple yes/no questionnaire—but the value is in understanding why each question matters.

Use it as a regular check-in (every 6–12 months), or whenever something starts to feel off.

How to use the Brand Alignment Snapshot

Simply answer each question honestly:

Yes – This is consistent and working really well

No – There are inconsistencies or uncertainty

If you hesitate, it's usually a “no”.

The questions come next but they are also at the back of this booklet where you can keep track of your answers and progress.

1. Logo & colour consistency

Question:

Do your logos and colours appear consistently across every touchpoint—website, social, email, print—without variation?

Why this matters:

Your logo and colour palette are the most immediate identifiers of your brand. Inconsistency here creates confusion quickly, even if everything else is strong.

What to look for:

- Variations of your logo being used interchangeably
- Colours appearing slightly different across platforms
- Incorrect colour pairings or overuse of secondary colours
- Low contrast or accessibility issues

In brand terms:

This is about recognition. If this isn't consistent, everything else works harder to compensate.

2. Visual personality (imagery & graphics)

Question:

Is your brand's personality clearly and consistently expressed through your imagery and graphics?

Why this matters:

People often connect with how something feels before what it says. If your imagery is inconsistent, your brand feels uncertain.

What to look for:

- Mixed styles (stock, lifestyle, AI, illustration) that don't align
- Inconsistent lighting, tone, or composition
- Imagery that doesn't reflect your positioning (e.g. premium vs generic)
- Graphics that feel disconnected from photography

In brand terms:

This is about perception. Your visuals should feel intentional, not assembled.

3. Typography consistency

Question:

Are your fonts and text styles used consistently across all platforms and materials?

Why this matters:

Typography is one of the quickest ways to signal professionalism and cohesion. When it's inconsistent, things start to feel fragmented—even if people can't explain why.

What to look for:

- Multiple fonts being used without clear rules
- Inconsistent heading and body text styles
- Spacing, alignment, or sizing variations
- Platform substitutions that don't match your brand

In brand terms:

This is about structure. Typography holds everything together.

4. Recognition without the logo

Question:

Would someone recognise your brand without seeing your logo—just from your visuals alone?

Why this matters:

Strong brands don't rely on their logo to be recognised. They build a consistent visual language that becomes familiar over time.

What to look for:

- Social posts that could belong to anyone
- Lack of distinctive colour, layout, or style
- Over-reliance on templates without identity
- Inconsistent art direction

In brand terms:

This is about distinctiveness. If your logo disappeared, your brand should still be identifiable.

5. Brand across key touchpoints

Question:

Do your emails, presentations, and internal documents feel aligned with the rest of your brand?

Why this matters:

These are often overlooked—but they're where trust is built or lost. Every interaction matters.

What to look for:

- Generic or unbranded email templates
- Presentation decks that feel disconnected
- Internal documents that don't reflect your visual identity
- Inconsistency between marketing and delivery

In brand terms:

This is about experience. Your brand isn't just what you promote—it's how you show up everywhere.

6. Clarity of what you do

Question:

Could someone new immediately understand what your brand is about just by looking at your visuals?

Why this matters:

Your visual identity should support your positioning — not confuse it.

If people have to work to understand what you do, you lose them.

What to look for:

- Mixed signals in imagery or tone
- Visuals that don't match your offer or audience
- Lack of hierarchy or focus
- Style over substance

In brand terms:

This is about alignment. Your visuals should reinforce your message, not compete with it.

What your answers mean

If you answered “no” to multiple questions, it doesn't mean your brand is broken.

It does mean there's misalignment.

And misalignment, over time, impacts how your business grows:

- You spend more on marketing without clear returns
- You attract the wrong clients
- Your brand doesn't reflect the level you're operating at
- You feel frustrated

When to revisit this:

- Every 6–12 months
- When launching something new
- When growth starts to plateau
- When something feels “off” but you can't explain why

If you want to go deeper

This audit is designed to give you clarity. To help you see where things might not be as aligned as you thought.

But it's still a surface-level view.

A full visual identity audit goes much further.

It's not just about spotting inconsistencies—it's about understanding why they're happening, what they're costing you, and what to do next.

That means looking at your brand more holistically:

- How your visuals support (or dilute) your positioning
- Where perception doesn't match the level you're operating at
- How your brand shows up across the full client journey
- What's holding things back from feeling cohesive, intentional and considered

This is where I use **The Brand Alignment Audit**

The Brand Alignment Audit

A structured approach that moves beyond aesthetics and looks at your brand through four key lenses—ensuring everything is aligned not just visually, but strategically.

Because a strong brand isn't just consistent.

It's clear. It's intentional. And it works.

If you've gone through this audit and found yourself answering “no” more than you expected, that's usually a good indication there's more to uncover.

And more importantly, more to improve.

If you'd like to explore a full audit, or understand how The Brand Alignment Audit could apply to your brand, feel free to reach out.

No pressure—just a conversation.

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1. Logo & Colour Consistency

First Audit

6 Months

12 Months

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