

The primary challenge of private fund marketing is supply and demand. There are too many firms seeking the attention of a limited universe of investors.

To be successful, firms must be creative, persistent, and targeted to be noticed by the right investors.

Finding the right fit between strategy and client is how private fund managers will build lasting relationships.

Understand what your strategy and firm strengths are. Research your competition carefully—understand what type of investor your strategy appeals to, and build your marketing campaign to match your strengths.

Develop a strong and a lasting brand identity

Hire a professional. Don't lean on what you think worked at the large firm you just left. They spent decades paying millions of dollars, so they don't have to chase new clients. Build a strong brand and develop the best collateral you can afford. Don't look like an amateur.

Be quiet

Learn to simplify your "pitch" and don't say more than you must. Investors will let you know what they want to hear. Develop your presentation style to finish in 20-25 minutes or less so you can answer questions.

Integrate good questions in your marketing strategy

Create statements that generate interaction. Focus on creating dialogue around strategy strengths.

Never underestimate what your prospect doesn't know

No one knows everything, never assume the prospect knows something because you do. The smartest people in the world ask the most questions. Focus on areas of your strategy that may be misunderstood the most.

Communicate, communicate, communicate

Pick up the phone and call. Don't send emails or send out monthly client communications. Give your prospects your direct line, create a blog, and use all the digital tools that work for you. Never hide after a bad month or quarter.

Prioritize clarity and simplicity

Present information in a clear and concise manner, avoiding jargon and overly technical language. Use visuals, charts, and graphs to explain complex concepts and data in an easily digestible format.

Showcase historical performance

Provide relevant and accurate performance data, including comparisons to benchmarks and peer funds. Be transparent about the performance metrics you use, and about any limitations or assumptions made in the calculations. Avoid overly complicated ratios and statistics. Focus on risk reward and use benchmarks that are both relative and absolute.

Be consistent with your branding

Ensure your marketing materials are consistent in terms of brand elements such as logo, color scheme, typography, and tone. This consistency will help with your brand's ability to gain recognition and credibility with your target investor markets.

Keep your content up to date

Regularly update your marketing materials and website with the latest performance data, news, and insights.

Include risk disclosures

Clearly outline the risks associated with investing in your fund and explain the risk management techniques you employ to mitigate these risks.

Leverage digital marketing

Use your SEO-optimized website, LinkedIn, marketing automation tools, and webinars to attract a larger group of prospective investors.

Maximizing the value of your investor marketing initiatives requires a combination of clear communication, regulatory compliance, and consistent relationship building. By following best practices in marketing and materials preparation, you can best showcase your fund's unique value proposition and attract more of the right investors to your fund.

One-sheets we've created for other firms

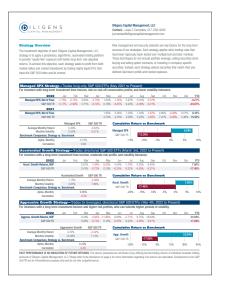
The tear-sheets we create are customized to effectively inform your audiences of capabilities, communicate your strategy and cleanly represents your firms performance. They are inline visually with your presentations to build a strong indentity standard across all of your marketing communications.













Samples of our presentation work

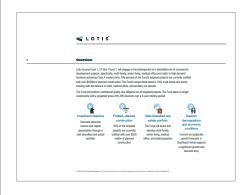
Our presentations are visually rich and storytelling, Most importantly, they are brief and informative. You will never see any "Powerpoint-like messaging" from us. Our work here highly reflects the best of your brand's identity.

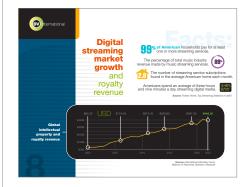


















Case study on identity brand design for Helios

Building a successful brand identity from the ground up

Brief

Helios is a new capital management firm located in Bethesda, Maryland, on the northwest border of Washington, D.C. Their business is venture capital real estate investment properties in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

The firm was looking for a brand identity and had no perceived creative ideas in mind except that they wanted to use the name of a Greek or Roman mythological God—but most were either trite or overused. Along with a new identity, they wanted a stationery package consisting of a letterhead and business card as well as a presentation, monthly summary, and a website.



Solution

We researched this and discovered that "Helios" was one of the least commonly used name in the financial industry so we proposed the name Helios with some logo options.

(Helios was the Greek Titan God of the Sun, a guardian of oaths, and the God of sight.)

With an approved logo, we were able to finalize the requested products. The work period for this entire project was from late April – June, 2022.

The design process

The design approach was to focus on an image of the Sun. But, since the core definition of Helios also included sight, we felt obligated to present at least one solution with that design element in mind.

The images here were the starting point for visual elements to be used for the brand identities to be presented to the core stakeholders.

Originally, the concept was to make the "O" letter form in Helios to be the sun image representation.

It wasn't until we were preparing the logos for presentation that we thought the "I" letter form should be the carrier of the sun image, as though it was "dotting the 'i.'"

That concept is at the bottom and was the concept that was ultimately chosen as the final design.













The final logo design

We always present logo designs at a three inch width. This allows for the density for each design to be compared with the other designs at the same width.

Plus, we always present logo designs at a one inchwidth. If a logo cannot be read at one inch, it fails.

And, we always present logo designs in black and white as well as reversed out of its own primary color and black. For the reversed out treatments, we included options that included color in case those could be used as options. This is the creation of a brand's graphic standards for use on digital as well as print media.

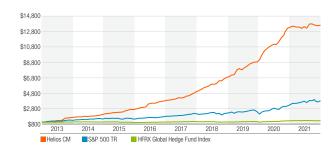
Our brand identities are strong, clean, and memorable. No matter what size your firm is, we can make you look like a corporation with dozens of employees.

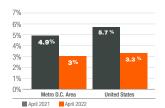
The design and color systems

The colors used within the Helios logo serve as the primary color palette, to be used only as accent colors or in diagrams in which Helios is highlighted as the champion among its competition or boost its high returns as a successor, as indicated below in the design system.

The secondary color palette is for emphasis on diagrams, typography or design accents. The tertiary color palette is only to be used as shading, or for images/duotones, et cetera.

The color palette allows for rich, colorful schematics and data visualization. These are used in presentations and the firm's monthly summary reports or other marketing materials as needed.













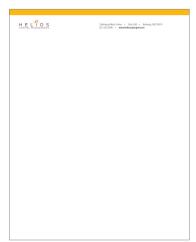


Brand identity design at work

We are brand identity strategists. We understand how important a brand identity is and what it does for organizations like yours. We call this brand recognition and brand equity. You are perceived by your audiences by the way your brand stands out—or not. It should be cohesive, and strong. And it should be memorable. That is how a brand's identity becomes successful.

At right are the stationery/letterhead and business card design solutions. The idea was to use the yellow and orange bars as design elements and maximize the sunburst logo primary colors as design elements such that the brand identity remains cohesive across all of its marketing components.

Below are the Helios tear sheet and select pages from their presentation.





Card front

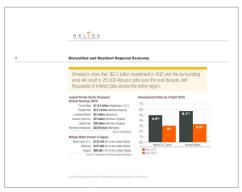


Card back











Samples of other brand identities we've created































