

# **Presents**

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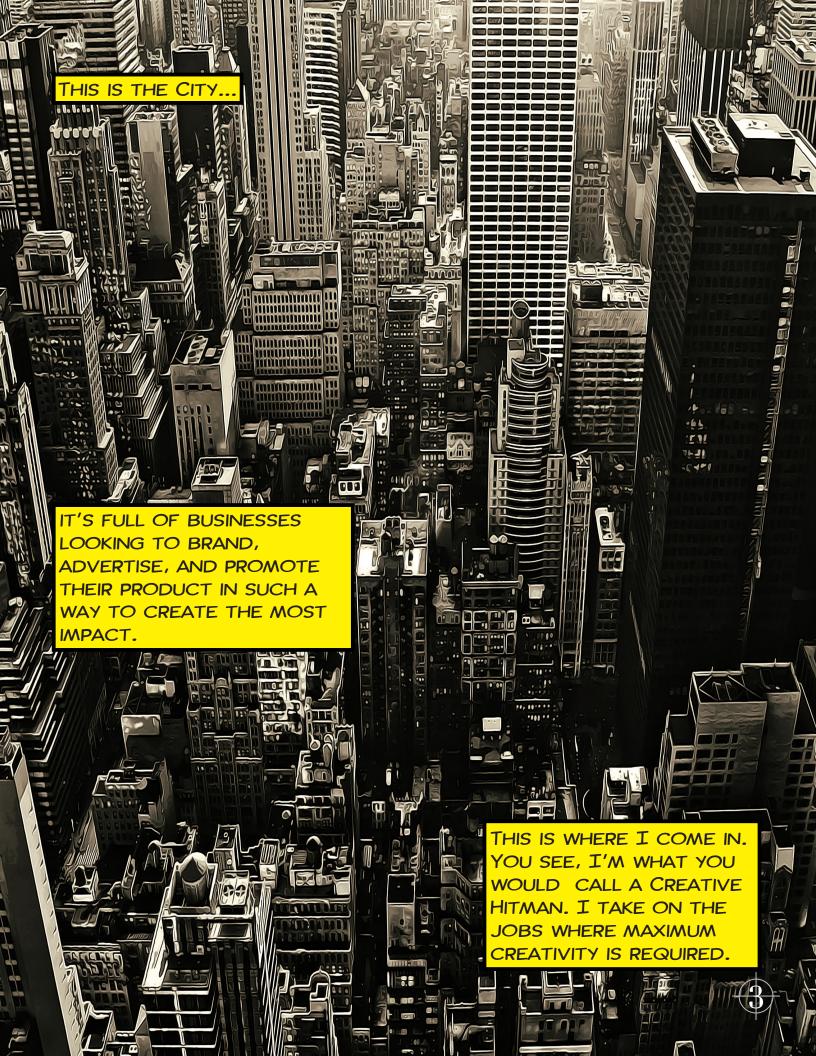


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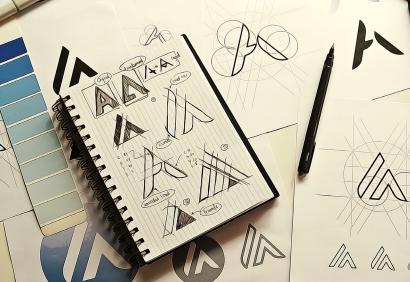
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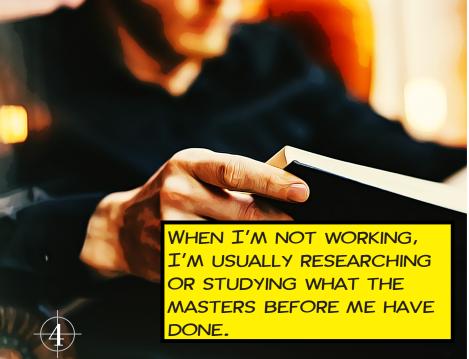




















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Portfolio



# **SPYDERCRANE URW295 Catalog**

## **Category:**

Print Design | Catalog Design | Magazine Design

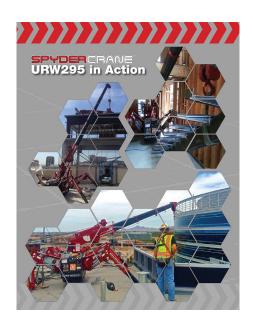
## **Client:**

Smiley Lifting Solutions / SPYDERCRANE

I wanted to find a way to utilize the product's signature color, but not allow it to take away from the product images and information. I decided to use a shade of gray to act as a neutral background with a grid image that starts at the bottom of the page and fades out as it climbs up the page. On top of it, I placed a row of the "chevron arrows" in a shade of gray to act as a foundation for each page with a row of them in red at the top to not only frame the page, but to act as an element for dropping out the header title for each section of the book.

Building the layout in InDesign allowed me to place the photos in frames that were shaped to mimic the crane's six-sided boom, as well combination shapes that end in another arrow. The ability to build tables within the layout made it easy to layout the specifications for each type of engine as well as the standard specifications. This also made it easy to make copy edits when I would receive notes that something had been updated (which happened on a regular basis). It also made it easier for me to create a new PDF file for in-house printing at a moment's notice which became a cost-saving measure for the company, allowing me to print smaller quantities in an on-demand situation.









# Revolution SignPro Truck-Mounted Crane - Print Design

## **Category:**

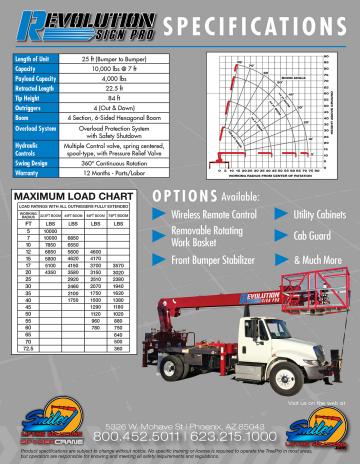
Print Design | Branding

## **Client:**

Smiley Lifting Solutions

The company decided to expand its offerings by taking its successful design for a smaller truck-mounted crane by building a series of models that were specifically designed for use in different industries. This model was constructed for the sign industry, as many sign companies have their own fleet of crane trucks to facilitate the installation of larger signs in front of and on buildings.











# **MAVLift-Postcard Design**

## **Category:**

Promotional Branding | Vehicle Branding

## **Client:**

Smiley Lifting Solutions



This was a piece that was designed and produced in-house to be used by sales representatives in the field to hand out to prospective customers to showcase a new line of material handling "robots" that could be used for carrying and installing large metal or glass panels on construction sites.

The piece needed to be large enough to effectively show all the models in both the indoor and outdoor product lines, yet small enough to take up a minimal amount of space, based on the thinking that a smaller piece could better stand out among a stack of standard-sized pieces. Having access to all of the models, I was able to set up an internal photo shoot in order to build a base of images to use in both print and digital formats. As I was in charge of creating the product logo and overall branding, I was able to easily place the vector art files from Illustrator into the InDesign layout, along with placing the background image (created in Photoshop) and the individual product shots. To simplify production, I created a series of layers within the InDesign file that allowed me to change the name and contact information for each representative, and then save a press-ready PDF file that I could upload to our in-house printer, and then impose the artwork to get two cards on each sheet.





# Elite Pacific Properties -Postcard/Direct Mail Design

# **Category:**

Print Design | Branding

## **Client:**

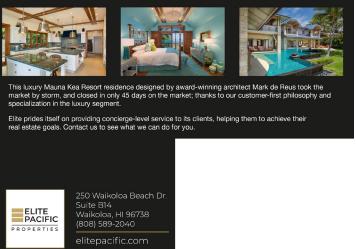
Elite Pacific Properties



The client was a real estate organization that specialized in selling properties in Hawaii. While their main office was in Honolulu, they also had satellite offices in San Diego, CA and Scottsdale, AZ. I was tasked with creating a series of direct mail pieces that could be sent to specific mailing lists in order to showcase new properties as well as ones that had recently sold.

I was given little direction on the project, beyond being given a two-page style guide that showed me the logo artwork and the fonts that were to be used. Knowing that this company was dealing with premium properties, it was imperative that I created a design that would present the properties and company as the pinnacle in sophistication and luxury. I chose to build the layout in InDesign with the main image of the property as the focal point of the front side with the necessary information directly below the call to action. On the reverse side, I used a row of 3 images to display highlights of the interior with a basic story on how the property sold in a short amount of time. In the lower left corner, I placed the logo with the local office's contact information, next to the area for mailing information.









# Smiley Lifting Solutions-Christmas Card Design

## **Category:**

Print Design | Promotional Branding

## **Client:**

Smiley Lifting Solutions



This design marked a radical departure from the holiday card designs that I had previously done for the company. In previous years, I had produced designs that usually revolved around a winter scene with one of the company's crane models helping to place decorations on a tree. For this design, I decided I wanted to explore the concept of the cranes as large "toys" that could be used for "playing" in multiple industries, which led me to the idea of placing various models in brand-specific "packaging" and placing them on the floor by a Christmas tree as if they had been delivered by Santa Claus.

Thanks to a wealth of design templates that are available, I was able to create the packaging graphics as flat files (.psb format) that could then be wrapped around individual panels to form the box in Photoshop. For the items, I was able to draw from an extensive library of photos that I was in charge of curating and remove the backgrounds by creating clipping paths in Photoshop, then pulling the image over into the packaging mock-up. It took time to find a stock photo of a living room at Christmas that was taken from the floor level. But once I found it was easy to place the individual package mock-ups into the image and create the scene. Afterwards, it was a matter of creating drop shadows and textures to simulate the plastic windows on each box.

We hope you have a fabulous Christmas surrounded by family and friends, and we wish you all the best for the new year!









# Paper Chase - Logo Design

**Category:** 

Logo Design | Identity | Branding

**Client:** 

Paper Chase

The logo was initially created for a local print/copy shop that caters to the legal community. With a name such as Paper Chase, it lends itself to a logo design that shows motion. After doing several sketches, I decided on having a piece of paper portrayed as falling down on to a stack of papers (which ties back into the copying and printing services that they provided.











вуSmiley Lifting

# City Series - Logo Design

## **Category:**

Logo Design | Identity | Branding

## **Client:**

Smiley Lifting Solutions

# **Backstory**

This was an in-house project to brand a line of small truck-mounted cranes that could be used in larger cities such as New York City. I was given free reign to create a logo that I felt would best benefit the new product line. Considering that the cranes would be used in larger cities where space is a premium, I found myself drawn to the identity system created for the New York Subway System. From there, I created a wordmark using colors and a font style that was reminiscent of the well-known identity system. Since the logos were built in Illustrator, they were easily scalable and could be reproduced at any size without distortion.











# Jeff Jones/Creative Hitman -Logo Design

## **Category:**

Logo Design | Identity | Branding

## **Client:**

Personal Project

# **Backstory**

The hardest client to design for is usually ourselves and I am no exception. When tasked with creating my personal identity to promote myself, I drew on my own experience as a journeyman designer and art director, having worked in multiple industries for a multitude of clients. This led me to the creation of the Creative Hitman, allowing to create a new persona for myself. The Creative Hitman icon creates a sense of confusion when people see it, and make then want to know more. As we know, this is the basis of good advertising: Instead of answering questions, it raises more questions and makes the viewer wnat to take the next step in order to learn more.



# digital Edge TECHNOLOGIES

# Digital Edge Technologies-Logo Design

## **Category:**

Logo Design | Identity | Branding

## **Client:**

Digital Edge Technologies

Digital Edge is a startup IT consulting firm that is based here in Phoenix, providing consultation and staffing services to businesses requiring on-site IT solutions. The logo was the initial part of the branding package I created, followed later by business cards and promotional one-sheet flyers. When I created the logo, I based my design off of the "power" icon that is found on most computers and peripherals. It made for an easy representation of an "E" by turning it on its side, and then added a vertical stroke to symbolize the "D". Using the font Handel Gothic for the company name, I was able to extend the ascender on the d in "edge" to form the I in "digital". I chose to set the name in lowercase letters to present a sense of approachability, and then set "technologies" in all caps to show that they may be informal, but still have a high level of professionalism.







# **Tech15 - Logo Design**

# **Category:**

Logo Design | Identity Design | Branding

## **Client:**

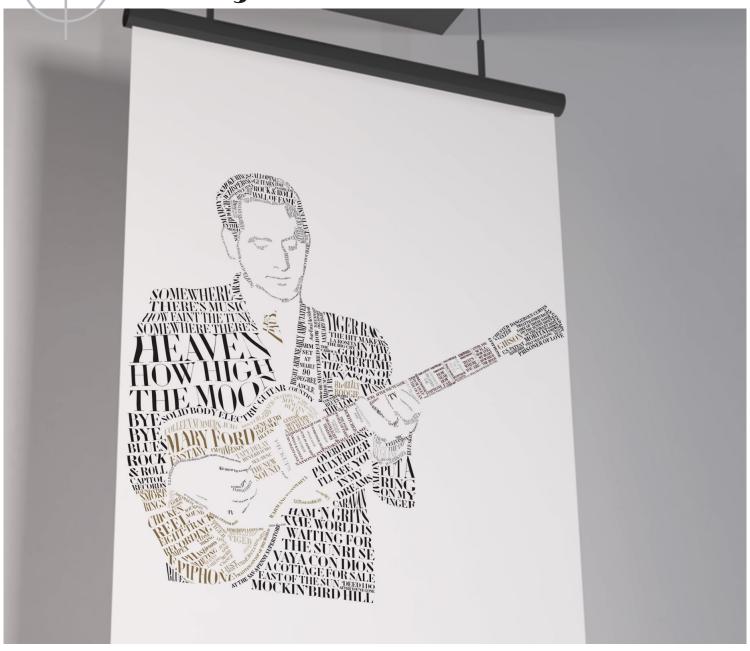
Dr. Heather Moorefield-Lang, PhD

Tech15 started out as a blog to inform teachers how they could utilize new technology including mobile-based applications to add a new dimension to their teaching and energize their classrooms. Over time the site has now migrated into a channel on YouTube. Since the client behind the blog was a professor in library studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, I knew that the logo needed to have a reference not only to technology, but also to books themselves to represent the library. My initial sketches focused on a "book" that had a traditional "page" on one side with the representation of a digital tablet on the other side. This design required a bold, sans-serif typeface to finish out the modern look and feel of the logo along with cyan to provide the eye-catching color to draw the viewer's eye inward.





# rint Design / Illustration



# Typographic Portrait-Poster Design Subject: Les Paul

## **Category:**

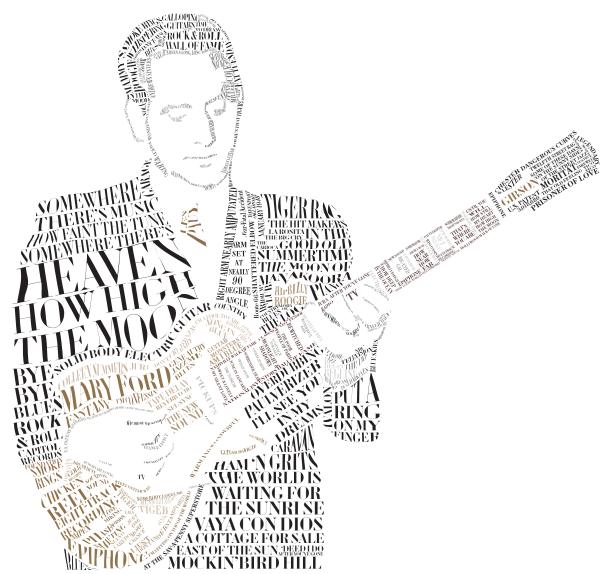
Print Design | Illustration | Typography

## **Client:**

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Personal Project

The typographic portrait demonstrates both my illustration skills along with showing my expertise in working with type and manipulating it to create shapes. The assignment was to select a photo of a famous person, making any needed adjustments to it in Photoshop to create contrast n the image; then import it into Illustrator and use the Live Trace feature to create a vector "base" to work from. Once the base was in place, I was to select a typeface and typeset words, titles of work, and quotes or lyrics to form the shapes that made up the image. Using a serif typeface (Louvette) with multiple weights, I was able to create text along paths that I had drawn with the pen tool and also use the mesh tool to bend and warp the type when necessary to build the shapes. Initially I had used only black and shades of gray to provide the shading, but I decided to add gold and deep brown to better represent the guitar in the image.



# Print Design / Promotional Branding



# **TOWN Gourmet Chinese- Print Identity**

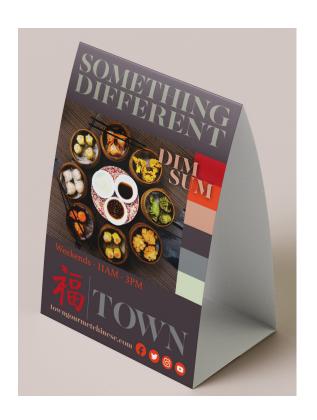
## **Category:**

Print Design | Identity | Promotional Branding

## **Client:**

Personal Project

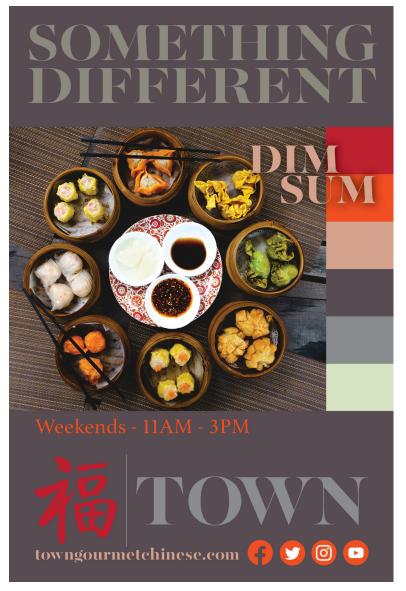








As an exercise in print design, I was asked to create a series of printed pieces to represent a Chinese restaurant, including a table tent, menu, and trifold brochure. I was provided with an existing logo and styleguide that included a color palette and font information. Reading the client brief let me know that this was a restaurant that prided itself on a luxurious experience that could not be duplicated. From this information, I set about to create a series of pieces that were bold, yet presented a sense of minimalism. It could be said that these pieces showcase a European style of design by using blocks of color to differentiate between each section, paired with a small amount of copy in order to communicate the story of TOWN, while convincing the viewer to take the next step in order to learn more, with the ultimate goal to bring the viewer to the restaurant for the complete dining experience.







## Menu

# Trifold - Inside Spread



#### WELCOME TO TOWN

#### BEEF 牛肉

Beef & Peppers in Black Bean Sauce
Thin slices of beef sirloin are quickly stit-fried with oni
peppers, and fermented black beans. 

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Beef Stew (with Chinese Daikon, Carrot,

Stir-Fry Beef with Chinese Green Beans
Steak stir fry with green beans and a delicious homemade
teriyaki sauce. \$16





#### SEAFOOD魚

#### Fried Shrimp with Longjing Tea

Drunken Prawn
Live shrimp are doused then flambeed. \$18

Chinese Mitten Crab
Steamed crab dipped into a combination of rice v
sauce, then topped with sliced ginger. \$21

Garlic Noodles

Noodles tossed in garlic, butter, brown sugar, and Parmesan

Nower sauce, and sesame oil... \$13

A healthier and lighter version of the classic Gener Chicken, replacing the chicken with Tofu. \$13

Vegetarian Hot & Sour Soup
A meat-free version of the classic Chinese soup. \$14

#### Vegetable Fried Rice

Vegetarian Chow Mein
Cabbage, bean sprouts, red pepper,
with Chow Mein noodles. \$15



Since 1972, TOWN has been delivering an upscale Chinese dining experience to the citizens of Scottsdale. The character that can be found to the left of our logo translates to "fortune", and it has been our good fortune to provide you with a dining experience that can not be matched. We have always strived to inspire creativity, conversation, and quality not only within ourselves but also within our clientele. It is this level of dedication that has made TOWN a leading choice not only in personal dining, but also for events.

# OUR MISSION

Our goal is to bring high quality, style and the wish for good fortune to all of our guests. We provide a high-end experience through Chinese cuisine.

TOWN combines a variety of chinese cuisine to excite and delight our customers. Our vision for the future is







to create experiential dining that is more than just a night out. We aim to bring quality and luxury across all aspects of our brand. TOWN utilizes a creative approach to develop our brand with the understanding of both our culture and consumer insights. Within our vision always lives the promise of inspiring creativity, conversation and quality.

# OUR AUDIENCE

Our audience is a high-end clientele who values a dining experience. We believe that the combination of good food and beverages can spark conversation and exploration of new topics and ideas. This leads to an expansion of knowledge and greater understanding of not only the world, but also the different cultures that live within our world. We sincerely hope that these experiences lead our patrons to return for both their presonal dining, but also for their larger events.









Bachelor's - Graphic Design and Media Arts

Southern New Hampshire University

Associate, Applied Sciences - Commercial Graphics

Randolph Community College, Asheboro, NC

# rk Experience

**Graphic Designer** - Bluetek Printing & Graphics - Phoenix, AZ - 01.22 - Present In charge of creating print graphics for a wide range of clientele.

Freelancer - 02.20 - Present

Independent Graphic Designer and Branding Consultant

**Art Director/Sr. Designer** - Fast-Trac Designs - Phoenix, AZ - 09.19 - 01.20 Led a team of three designers within the Design Department, producing vehicle wraps, large format graphics, apparel design and traditional printed collateral.

**Director of Creative Services** - Smiley Lifting Solutions - Phoenix, AZ 04.13 - 09.19

Developed and established an in-house art department to service the company's multiple locations nationwide. This department was in charge of writing, design, and implementation of branding strategies for multiple product lines.

Designed, produced and implemented sales and marketing collateral, and branding of the company's multiple product lines and divisions.

Created the initial brand strategy for the company's foray into social media channels, as well as improving the company's web presence.

Pattern Artist - Spellbinders Paper Arts - Phoenix, AZ 09.12 - 04.13
Created artwork for patterns and graphic elements that were used to create metal dies for paper crafting.

**Creative Director/Sr. Designer** - azpro Group - Avondale, AZ 06.10 - 09.12 Led a design team in producing environmental graphics for interior and exterior uses.

Created identities and branding packages for both small and large businesses, including a major grocery chain.

## **Previous Clients**

Furukawa UNIC Fry's Food & Drug Pepsico, Inc. Coca-Cola **UPS** Hershey Foods Miller Brewing **MolsonCoors** Anheuser-Busch Federal-Mogul Hensel Phelps Mac Tools **Snap-On Tools Valvoline NASCAR NHRA** NFL **NHL MLB** Collegiate Licensing Hilti Tools New York Yankees

ChevronTexaco

RJ Reynolds



### Design

- Advertising Brochures Magazines Web/Video Environmental
- Large Format Logos/Identity Promotional & Vehicle Branding

#### Illustration

- Product illustration for promotional and instructional purposes
- Working knowledge of 3D Rendering software

## Web Design

- Working knowledge of HTML/CSS, Bootstrap, and WordPress

#### Copywriting

#### Management

- Project Management - Team Leadership

#### Miscellaneous Skills

Voiceovers

## Software (Mac/PC Platforms)

- InDesign

- Corel Draw

- Word

- Illustrator

- Quark Xpress

- Excel

- Photoshop

- Flexi-Sign

- ConstantContact

- Acrobat

- Cardpresso

- Fiery

- Dreamweaver

PowerpointProofHQ

- After Effects - Audition

- Workflow Max

- XD

- 3D StudioMax



- Costuming Playing Guitar DIY Projects Illustration
- Charity Work for LLS (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society)



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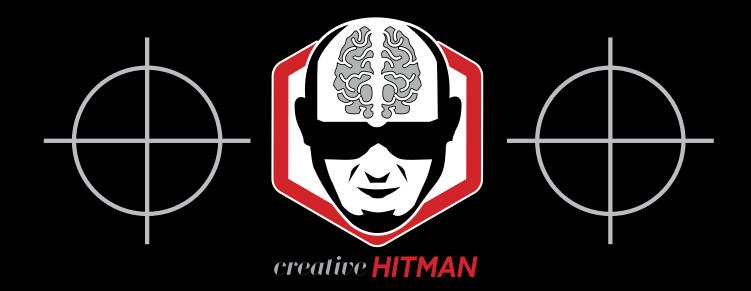








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