

### **KING-CASEY INSIGHTS**

Lessons from Best-Practice Strategies



**CLIENT CASE STUDY** 

### **TOTAL STORE COMMUNICATIONS**

How Jamba Juice is looking to improve the customer experience and grow sales by optimizing menu communications along the entire "path-to-purchase"

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These client case studies are intended to provide valuable insights regarding best-practices and innovative solutions that have been successfully implemented by restaurant and foodservice brands.

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### **OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES**

Jamba Juice was born in 1990 because founder Kirk Perron had a big idea while relaxing with a smoothie after a workout. Why not use a blender to inspire and simplify healthful living everywhere? Now, in less than 30 years, Jamba has grown to become a market-leading smoothie brand, providing premium, delicious blends to customers in over 800+ locations around the world.

In late-2017, Jamba brought in a new Chief Marketing Officer, Claudia Schaefer, who deeply rooted in consumer insights and data analytics, uncovered that an "evolved" experience was key in moving the Jamba brand forward. Their proprietary research uncovered a disconnect between the current Jamba offerings and what customers today expect from a healthfulness perspective. These customers appreciated the leadership position that Jamba had staked out in the "healthful" market, but they felt the company's menu did not represent the great leaps forward that competitors had made in recent years.

In addition to having to evolve the menu strategy, the research findings also uncovered an opportunity to create a new Total Store Communications program, which would highlight a new menu merchandising strategy inclusive of optimized menuboards and instore communications to guide customers along the "path-to-purchase (P2P). "We knew we needed expert help on the merchandising strategy," Ms. Schaefer says, "and our franchisees recommended King-Casey, a restaurant consultancy well-known for helping leading brands improve their business performance and customer experience."





A DATA-DRIVEN MENU
STRATEGY WAS DEVELOPED TO GUIDE THE TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS
SOLUTIONS THAT
FOLLOWED

The first step was to create and agree upon a Menu Merchandising Strategy. Howland Blackiston, who led the King-Casey team, said: "We were incredibly impressed by the quantity and quality of the Jamba research. They did a stellar job of putting together reams of sales data and competitive analyses. Equally important, they put together a high-level team representing a range of disciplines and franchise partners to participate in an all-day Menu Merchandising Strategy session that we facilitated. The team approach meant that every key sector of the company was part of the process, making eventual buy-in much easier."

Every item on Jamba's menu was evaluated and prioritized based on hard data about sales, profits, industry trends and consumer research. The Menu Merchandising Strategy that evolved identified the optimal placement of menu items to help Jamba realize its business objectives. This data-driven strategy now guides what products are placed where, how they need to be merchandised and how all store communications can be leveraged to achieve the desired business results. This process is much more than attractive graphic design and cosmetics. It's about leveraging factual data, and in-depth analysis to develop strategic, business driven solutions for all in-store communications.

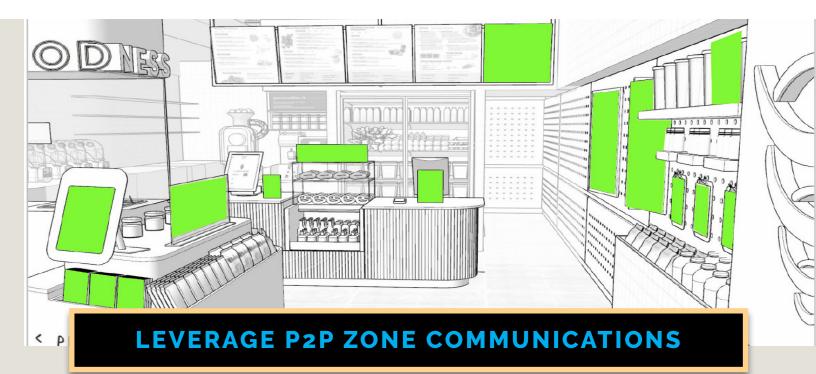


### **OPTIMIZE MENU COMMUNICATIONS**

The team's next step was to develop a range of schematics to express in words and diagram form how the menu would be organized on menuboards to achieve the goals and objectives set forth in the Menu Merchandising Strategy. "This is where King-Casey's merchandising expertise was particularly valuable," Ms. Schaefer says. "They asked the right questions and helped us to visualize our Menu Communication Strategy and focus. They also know how customers read menuboards, which they do very differently from printed paper menus. King-Casey's insights into the menuboard 'hot zones' that are most attractive to consumers was particularly valuable." Two of the schematic variations were then developed into color production artwork and put into nine stores to assess the validity of the new Menu Communications Strategy, and to identify the "best- performing" concept that would be rolled out across Jamba's entire store system. The test results were a powerful validation of the optimized menu communications, which outperformed the current menuboards in a number of critical areas.

# THE NEW OPTIMIZED MENU COMMUNICA TIONS OUTPERFORMED THE CURRENT BOARD:

- INCREASED SALES
   OF HIGH-PROFIT
   MENU CATEGORIES
- HIGHER INCIDENCE
   OF ADD-ONS SALES



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OPTIMIZED TO SUPPORT
THE NEW MENU
STRATEGY WHILE
IMPROVING JAMBA'S
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

While the menuboard is arguably the most critical communicator in Jamba stores, there are many additional opportunities along the customer path-to-purchase (P2P) to reinforce menu messaging and influence customer purchase decisions. That's because every store is, in fact, a series of different customer zones (entry zone, pre-order zone, order zone, pick-up zone, etc.) In each zone, customers have different needs, attitudes and behaviors. What's communicated from one zone to the next should be determined by these customer needs and the brand's specific business objectives.

Guided by the new Menu Merchandising Strategy, King-Casey worked closely with the Jamba team to develop Total Store Communications solutions. First by identifying the key customer zones within the store environment, and then, by determining customer needs in each zone, and establishing zone-specific business objectives along the entire path-to-purchase. King-Casey worked hand-in-hand with Jamba's internal and external store design team to ensure that Jamba's new prototype store environment would directly bolster their new world-class zone merchandising strategy.

"This was another example of where the Jamba team was more far-sighted than many of its peers," Blackiston says. "We have understood the customer operating zone concept for many years and worked with numerous clients within its context, but this was the first instance in which we worked directly with the team designing new branding and a prototype store. That meant that we were able to guide the actual design of the new store to



more effectively leverage the merchandising strategies we were developing."

A Path-to-Purchase Zone Merchandising Manual was created to establish specific strategies and merchandising guidelines to continually optimize business performance while improving the customer experience.

The result of the entire project is a Total Store Communication solution that will help drive business outcomes and delight Jamba's customers. Roll-out of the menu merchandising and in-store merchandising is scheduled for 2019.



KING-CASEY'S MERCHANDISING EXPER-TISE WAS PARTICULARLY VALUABLE. THEY ASKED THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND HELPED US TO VISUALIZE OUR MENU COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND FOCUS.

Claudia Schaefer Senior VP & Chief Marketing Officer Jamba Juice

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King-Casey, founded in 1953, provides practical, analytics-driven insights and research-validated solutions for restaurant and foodservice brands. We are renowned as the leader in providing comprehensive, turn-key Menu Optimization Services that increase Sales and Profitability.

Our team of industry professionals provides a suite of totally integrated menu optimization services. Collectively, our services provide advanced solutions that enable our clients to unlock the full potential of their menu communications, and achieve significant, measurable business results. No other firm provides such comprehensive menu optimization analytics and solutions.

### **Our Suite of Services Include**

- Consumer insights analytics
- Attitude and usage research
- TURF analysis
- PMIX analysis
- Menu performance analytics
- Menu Operations analysis
- Menu engineering
- Menu strategy
- Menu communications analytics
- Path-to-purchase communications analytics
- Total Store Communications

### The Benefits Are Immediate and Meaningful

- Increased sales and profitability
- Improved customer experience (P2P)
- Totally integrated solutions
- No loss or dilution of insights and data due to their transfer from one consulting resource to the next
- Cost and timing savings resulting from combining the full suite of services under one umbrella

### Want to Know More?

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