



Why a Case Study Over a Traditional Portfolio?

Because great branding isn't built in pieces—it's built in layers.

After 30+ years as a visual designer, creative director, mentor and motivator crafting countless logos, campaigns, and digital experiences—I've learned one truth: exceptional branding lives at the intersection of craft and strategy. This Dormie Network case study represents the pinnacle of that journey.

More than just logos and ads, this is the full story of how strategy, design, and storytelling collide to create a category-defining brand. From visual identity to member acquisition, digital experience to industry buzz, every decision distilled decades of expertise into measurable results.

A portfolio shows what I've designed. This proves how I think—and why it works at the highest level.

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Brand Standards

As Creative Manager at Dormie Network, I established the essential brand framework that would drive our future growth. I refined our logo, implemented a strategic typography system, and developed a disciplined color palette to elevate our premium positioning. These standards extended to comprehensive media kits that ensured consistent representation across all partners and platforms.

This foundational work created immediate efficiencies while strengthening brand recognition. The system gave our team clarity and our partners confidence, setting the stage for Dormie's rapid market ascension. The disciplined consistency we implemented became the springboard for all subsequent creative work.

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Corporate Brochure

"Where Pure Golf Meets Genuine Hospitality"

The flagship corporate brochure for Dormie Network wasn't just designed—it was engineered as a tangible embodiment of luxury. Through strategic art direction, striking visuals, and narrative precision, the piece became the brand's signature artifact, turning club highlights into aspirational storytelling.

The result? A recruitment tool in disguise. Members and guests routinely requested extra copies to share, organically amplifying Dormie's exclusivity. What began as an informational piece evolved into a coveted showcase of the network's ethos—proving that even in a digital age, elevated print craftsmanship can drive desire.

















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Print Advertising

Dormie Network's print advertising showcased the brand's luxury positioning through full-page spreads in Golf Digest, two-page features in Golfweek, and strategic placements in leading golf publications. Each execution demonstrated meticulous attention to detail, with every design element reinforcing exclusivity. The campaigns' sophisticated aesthetic consistently communicated Dormie's premium status, resonating powerfully with golf's most discerning audiences.



2020 Golf Digest Full-Page Ad Series

"Elevating the Game" – A series of ads highlighting the luxury and exclusivity of Dormie Network clubs





"Where Legends Are Made" – A campaign showcasing the championship-level courses and first-class facilities.



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2021 Fortune Magazine Full-Page Ad

"The Pinnacle of Private Golf" – A bold statement of Dormie Network's elite status.



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2022-2024 LINKS Magazine Ads

"Experience the Difference" – A recurring series that evolved with the brand, emphasizing emotional connections and member experiences.

Email Maketing and Digital Advertising

I took the helm of Dormie Network's digital advertising, steering campaigns toward engagement and impact. By blending stunning visuals with strategic messaging, I crafted ads that not only captured attention but also drove conversions. From social media to display ads, every piece reflected the sophistication and exclusivity of the Dormie Network brand.

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Dormie Network Email Template System

Designed a scalable email template system that empowered our creative and development teams to produce elevated, on-brand campaigns. Blending refined aesthetics with strategic flexibility, each template ensures visual consistency while adapting seamlessly to campaign needs—turning every send into a premium brand experience.

David McLay Kidd & Zach Peed let us behind the curtain at GrayBull Club What happens when you get just the right site 2,000 acres to get creative, and facilities



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The Golf Membership In a League of Its Own



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Dormie Network Full Screen Ads

The full-screen ads I designed aim to maximize user engagement, enhance brand visibility, and drive conversions by delivering an immersive, high-impact visual experience.

Optimized for all screen sizes (mobile, tablet, desktop) to ensure seamless display across devices.

Corporate Website

As Creative Manager, I led the redesign of Dormie Network's corporate website, crafting bespoke templates that captured the brand's exclusivity and unparalleled experiences. With a focus on responsive design, I ensured a seamless experience across all devices, from desktop to mobile. Collaborating closely with our digital agency, I navigated technical challenges to deliver a site that reflected the sophistication and prestige of the Dormie Network brand.















TV Commercials

I conceptualized and directed a series of TV commercials that brought the Dormie Network experience to life, blending cinematic visuals with emotive storytelling. Each spot was designed to not only showcase the beauty of our courses but also to evoke the camaraderie, luxury, and exclusivity that define the Dormie Network brand.

















This is GrayBull

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"Dormie Network is a national network of private destination golf clubs that includes ArborLinks in Nebraska City, Nebraska; Ballyhack Golf Club in Roanoke, Virginia; Briggs Ranch Golf Club in San Antonio, Texas; Dormie Club in Pinehurst, North Carolina; Hidden Creek Golf Club in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey; and Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Indiana."

"Explore these video spots and more on the Dormie Network YouTube Channel, where we continue to share the stories and experiences that define our brand."

"This stirring tribute captures Dormie Network's GrayBull course in the Nebraska Sandhills, where rugged natural beauty meets pioneering golf spirit. Sweeping dunescapes and candid player moments reveal a course that honors the land's raw character while delivering a truly distinctive member experience."

That's Dormie Network

"Dormie Network's curated golf experiences come to life in this cinematic showcase. Sweeping course aerials and intimate member moments blend seamlessly, embodying our standard of exclusive excellence in every frame."

One Network. One Membership. Unmatched. That's Dormie

"Beyond world-class golf, Dormie Network crafts unforgettable private experiences—whether hosting friends or entertaining colleagues. Enjoy curated overnight stays with personalized concierge service, blending premier golf with exceptional hospitality."

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Photography & Visual Storytelling

Through my lens, I've captured the beauty and emotion of the Dormie Network experience. From sweeping landscapes of our courses to candid moments of camaraderie, my photography tells the story of a brand that's as much about people as it is about golf.





Photography & Visual Storytelling (Continuing)

Beyond just capturing beautiful courses and candid moments, I launched a creative "Photo Op Campaign" for our team, centered around a simple but powerful question:

"How does your client see you?"

The resulting portraits were more than just professional headshots—they became a way to showcase personality and authenticity. We integrated these images into email signatures and across all communication channels, adding a human touch to our interactions with members, prospects, and partners.









Photography & Visual Storytelling (Continuing)

Collaborating with the Chief Culinary Officer and Executive Chefs at Dormie Network, I produced a series of high-resolution photographs showcasing curated dishes from each club's localized menu. These images were featured across branding materials, digital collateral, and social media campaigns. My goal was to capture a sophisticated, high-end restaurant ambiance with a clean, minimalist aesthetic. By incorporating ample negative space, I ensured that graphic designers and content creators had the flexibility to overlay copy, logos, and other visual elements seamlessly within their campaigns.







