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Figure 1: Waterford cigarette pack and ad, 1960s.^{1,2}



Figure 2: Additional advertising material for Waterford cigarettes that portrayed Waterford as a luxury and premium brand, something used by the "heiresses" or "commodores" in the 1960s.^{3,4}

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----Original Message----
      From: Kwiatkowski, Bill
      Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 11:21 PM
      To: Mayer, William (Bill); Madigan, Michael J. (Mike);
      Matthews, Ellen W.
      Subject: RE: HOOKAHS for the CAMEL CASBAHS
      Ship them darn hookahs!
      BK
      ----Original Message----
      From: Mayer, William (Bill)
      Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 4:24 PM
      To: Kwiatkowski, Bill; Madigan, Michael J. (Mike);
      Matthews, Ellen W.
      Subject: HOOKAHS for the CAMEL CASBAHS
      I want to get final approval from each of you prior to
      sending out these Hookahs to the 18 Camel/SFX markets.
      Please review the attached instruction sheet for the CMI
      managers and e-mail me back ASAP so that I can send them
      out with the hookahs. I really want to get these out by
      Wednesday of this week.
                       PRIVILEGED MATERIAL REDACTED
      Ellen: Kate was OK with these due to the fact that KBA
RJR0000001307002691
70070 7266
           Source: https://www.industrydocuments.ucsf.edu/docs/hqlx0221
      displayed one at the annual stockholders meeting.
      Thank you.
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Figure 3: Excerpts from emails between RJR employees on the logistics of Camel Casbah and hookahs.⁵

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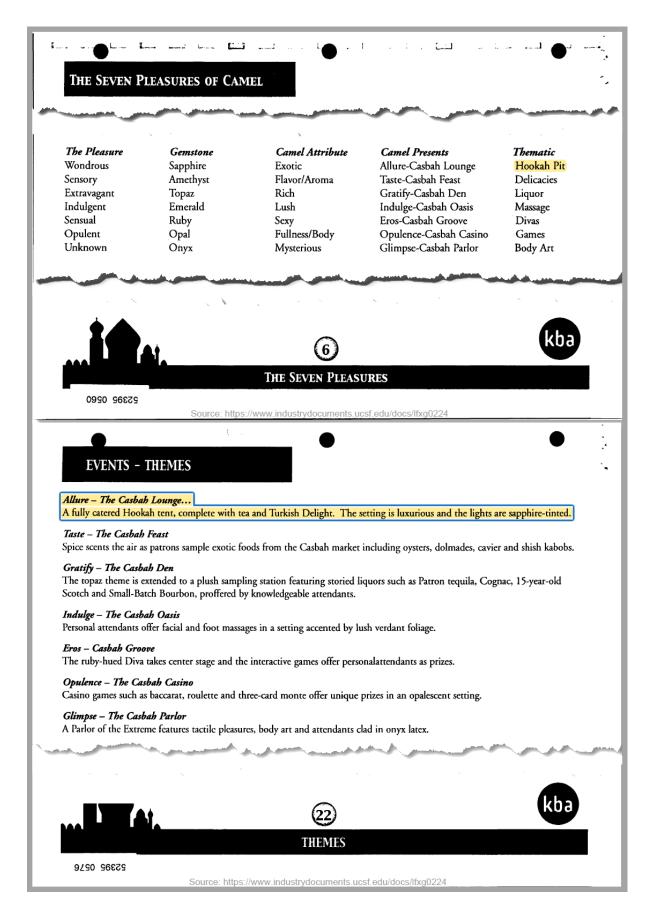


Figure 4: In a promotional plan document of 2001, "The Seven Pleasures of Camel" are characterized by five attributes. The first Pleasure's Thematic attribute is "Hookah Pit." ⁶ [emphasis added]

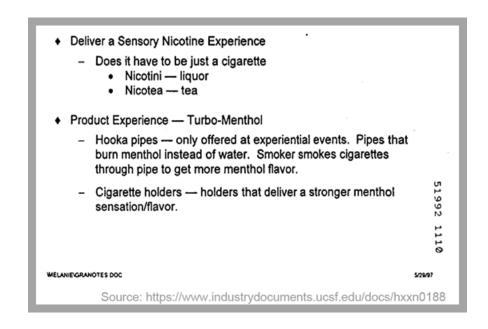


Figure 5: Text from internal RJR marketing research document on Salem repositioning from 1997 suggesting hookah pipe utilization for menthol flavor experiential marketing.⁷

Main Room

Phase 1: Dusk

Rich gold and amber tones will tinge the main room, creating a sense of languid indulgence. Turkish styled tents and fabrics will add enhancement and definition to the experiential zones within the room. Each tent will serve as a focal point for the interactive talent surrounding it. This room will have a lavish casbah quality, with abundant seating and comfort areas designed for our guests, enhanced by gold fabric treatments.

A beautiful woman beckons to you from an elevated platform in the main room, draped in rich fabrics and layered with pillows. At the center of the platform is a golden hookah, full of the smooth tobacco blend offered by the Hookah Hostess. Intrigued guests slip in and out of the hookah circle to experience the Turkish blend all evening. Video compilations of Turkish scenes, married with images invoking pleasure and indulgence, fill the perimeter of the room.

The guests are overwhelmed by multiple gatherings of entertainers in and around the Turkish styled tents--Belly Dancers, Massage Therapists, Makeup Artists, Aromatherapists, Acupressurists, and Fire Performers—all ready to indulge the guest's every pleasure.

Source: https://www.industrydocuments.ucsf.edu/docs/rxvp0185

Figure 6: Text excerpt from a planning document by KBA on "The 2000 Camel Bartender's Ball: Pleasure Oasis" showing the usage of waterpipe imagery. [emphasis added]

The Sheesha* Lounge: Carnel's Exclusive Smoking Experience

Objective: Create an exclusive Carnel designed and managed environment that is a branded 21+ haven for smokers. *(The word "sheesha" is a Arabic local name for a hookah smoking pipe)

Location

- Carnel will have the right to lease 500 1,000 square feet in the Medina section of Desert Passage (under Aladdin Bazaar's standard form lease)
- As part of our strategic marketing alliance, Camel would be granted a preferential lease rate of \$100 per square foot (not including CAM, CPI adjustments, and tenant charges)
- A stylized environment designed to represent the Camel brand: cushions, pillows, tenting, lamps, etc.
- All build-out and design costs will be the responsibility of RJ Reynolds

Marketing

- · The Sheesha Lounge will be the headquarters for all Carnel activities at Desert Passage
 - Fulfillment location for all on-site promotions
 - Distribution of Camel promotional items
 - Stock location for branded nightclub materials and product
- · RJ Reynolds exclusive sales location for all tobacco products
- Sales location for all RJ Reynolds merchandise and co-branded Camel/Desert Passage Merchandise
- Non-branded designation on all directories throughout the property

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Figure 7: Text excerpts about sheesha imagery use from a confidential document titled "Desert Passage Strategic Marketing Alliance," related to activities at Dessert Passage, Las Vegas (2000-2001) alongside the Casbah initiative produced by the Cabana Group, LLC dated November 2000 where details of strategic cooperation between Aladdin Bazaar, LLC and RJR are revealed. 9,10

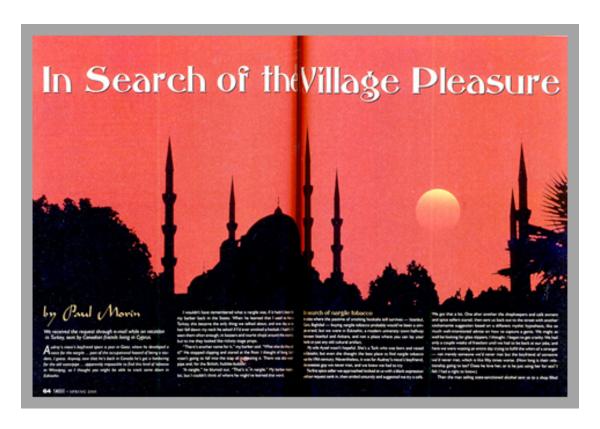


Figure 8: "In Search of the Village Pleasure." Smoke Magazine, Spring 2000, from the Trinkets & Trash website, dedicated to showcasing tobacco marketing materials from the tobacco industry, this advertisement features the story "In search of nargile tobacco" by a couple traveling around Turkey. "Similarity between article layout and Camel "Casbah" campaign, exotic picture with mosques in orange sky background." 11

- Marketing Public Relations: with the limited resources available for mass marketing of our products it is difficult and takes a great deal of time to seed an overall awareness of a brand's positioning. I believe our brands could benefit from a marketing oriented public relations effort that is focused on placing the brand positioning in context. I would expect this type of effort to be subtle, somewhat under "under the radar" type approaches. For example, an article on emerging trends might make a case for an emerging "Turkish Cultural" trend mentioning hookah bars, Turkish art and decoration popularity, oriental rugs, music and "oh, by the way" Camel's Turkish and Domestic Blend, its growing popularity, and its themed bar program. Alternatively, an article may talk about the food and drink trends toward the "exotic" or novel and mention the Camel Exotic line. I am sure such an effort could also identify or develop events that support a brand's positioning that the brand could be associated with or seen at as opposed to sponsoring. This type of effort obviously plays a supporting role to round out the overall awareness of the positioning.
- We must be anticipate MACPO trends that effect the retail environment before
 - o Stay me course. La Consistant T to what you know is right.
- Think different about the TOTAL marketing mix. The mix is not a conglomeration of silos. Each touch point in the mix is either the start of a relationship a consumer has with the brand or it's building on something that started at some other point in time.
 - Recognize where consumers are on the continuum, respect that and talk with them like you would any friend you've just met or known for a lifetime.
- · Use event marketing to build the brand's proposition awareness.
 - Brands aren't just packaging and products. Be relevant! Create an emotional bond then a rational bond.
 - Take the time and think it through. It all builds! Sequentially from date one to marriage. No more concussion grenades. They do not work!!!
 - Quit acting like the goofy, uninvited guest to party trying to buy the consumers friendship. Be relevant, get to know your consumers and provide them some value for getting to know you. Make yourself different, but interesting.

Source: https://www.industrydocuments.ucsf.edu/docs/bpbj0190

Figure 9: Text excerpt from document "Idea Fair Summary" from 2002 outlining RJR's strategic planning activities, focusing on challenges related to "seed[ing] an overall awareness and position[ing] of brands" in the aftermath of limited resources available for mass marketing post-MSA (Master Settlement Agreement) displays innovative public relations means including using hookah imagery. [emphasis added]

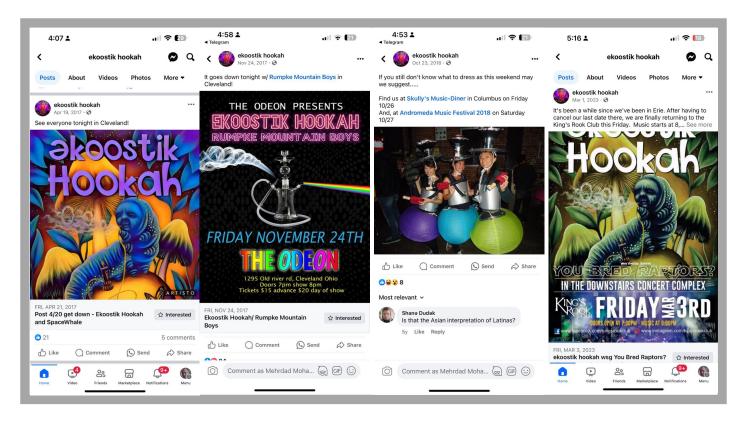


Figure 10: Hookah imagery on Ekoostik Hookah Facebook/Meta account.¹³

We uncovered a series of CAMEL Page advertisements that typically ran in local press and listed sponsored events in bars and nightclubs as "a warp-speed voyage into urban nightlife." A few promoted events featuring the music band Ekoostik Hookah in 1997.^{14–17} Ekoostik Hookah (or əkoostik hookah) has been hosting events under the name Hookahville since 1991.^{13,18} Ekoostik Hookah describes itself as "an Ohio based rock band that incorporates many genres of music into their own style. From folk to psychedelic rock, bluegrass to blues, extended jams to concise rock-n-roll, ultimately it ends up being distinctly 'hookah'." The exact nature of the sponsorship by or relationship with Camel was not clear. The Ekoostik Hookah Facebook account, boasting 33K followers, contains over 770 posts spanning from January 2009 to March 2024, along with 372 photos in its albums. The portrayal of hookah is not prominent or frequent within the content of the account, including posts, captions, photos, or videos, but a few posts feature hookah imagery. Additionally, their Instagram account, with 158 posts (comprising pictures and videos from May 2018 to March 2024), did not overtly showcase hookah identity or imagery in textual or visual form. Among hookah-related neologisms are "hookahhead" and "Hookahville," referring to fans and the venue, respectively.

· <u>special I</u>		<u>GARETTE IDEAS</u> NDS - BETTER TASTE, FLAVOR, DICALTI	II, ETC.
NAME		PRODUCT IDEA P	OSITIONING
MATES		Cigar & digarette tobacco. Hifi robust flavor.	New Flavor
SMILE	⊕,	Special leaves which are light and have hulf the nicotine of others "Keep smiling" written on the side of the tigarette	Health
STRATIONS		Pure white tobacco- (ski shot) lively flavor, low tar, etc.	Health .
BIG D		Thicker to give more flavor filter	Masculine Cig arette Flavor
AMBOY		Transitional - for those who wish to switch from strong to filter (low tor), but want strong taste.) caltn
HCOKAH		Turkish tobacco - rich taste smoke like a sultan	Flavor
MAGNUMS		Less filter, more flavor stronger - short flavor thru.	mig Flavor
V INTAGE		Fine bland - exclusive, up - scale, high - priced digarette. Superior flavor. Select aged tobaccos	Prestige 68007561
PURITAN		Pure smoking, Health - oriente	a. Health
NEPIUNE		Moistened tabacco cools smoke BOX. Not menthal	
DIXIË		Appeal to Southerners (e.g., natural, no artificitys. Mix of Virg. & Kentucky tobaccos.	Winston) Regional sture Segmentation

Figure 11: A Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation document on waterpipe imagery from 1977 which outlines ideas for new cigarettes and potential marketing positions for them. The document comprises 112 names categorized under eight distinct categories: special filters; special blends and tastes; image; menthol; package; economy; health aids; and other claims. One name entry under the flavor category is "hookah," with the corresponding "Product idea" described as "*Turkish tobacco - rich taste smoke like a sultan*." [emphasis added]

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