## **Brand Guidelines**

September 2020



# A branding refresh for Aurora's future



#### Introduction

Branding helps us differentiate from competitors. A strong brand is built on trust, authenticity, empathy, respect of privacy and transparency, and puts energy into relationship building. The stronger our brand, the better respected Aurora is likely to be amongst our people, our clients, and other stakeholders.

Aurora's original branding was created when the company began in 2013. Several years on, we are growing quickly, building our profile as the leading and most innovative energy market advisor in Europe and Australia, and soon around the globe. To achieve this, corporate image is a vital consideration for Aurora's future.

#### **Aurora's Characteristics**

Recent findings from a survey of Aurora's leadership, employees and a selection of clients indicated several strengths for which we are well known, and we have used these in a new list of Aurora Characteristics found on page 3.

These are suitable for an internal and external audience.

#### Logo

We also invited respondents to recommend changes, and we have taken these on board to produce a new logo.

In our new design, we use:

- Modernised shades of our iconic yellow and grey
- A more contemporary font, Proxima Nova
- Smaller font size for 'Energy Research', with the longer-term view to drop it completely
- A redesign of our sunrise stamp. The sun is earth's greatest energy source, it sheds light and is positive, and of course Aurora is the Roman goddess of the dawn.

Later in 2020, expect to see a rebrand of our reports, presentations, events, website, and more.



## **AURORA'S CHARACTERISTICS**

Aurora is a **widely-used and trusted provider** of critical power market analysis

**Rigorous analysis and quantification** underpin everything we do, and is the basis for unique insights and sought-after advice

We are **power market specialists** who strongly believe that dedicated focus on wholesale markets allows us to provide deep market expertise and high-quality insights

Our **proximity to markets and clients** is crucial for providing well-informed and balanced analysis, grounded in reality for major investment, strategic and policy decisions

Aurora's **innovative and cutting-edge approaches** challenge the status quo of power market analysis and bring new tools and methodologies for the benefit of our clients

We are **independent thought partners** who challenge beliefs, assumptions and strategies as well as contributing to and influencing government policy and the wider energy discussion



### **LOGOTYPE**

**POSITIVE** 

The logotype is designed to be simple to use, flexible and with a number of variations to suit different formats and executions.

The positive mark (on white) should be used at all times unless adding to a dark (or colourful) background, where the all-white or negative version should be used.

Please ensure that the mark is positioned with as much clear space as possible. When used very small, the logo can be displayed without the 'Energy Research' component.

Artwork files are available in the brand pack.









# ISOTOPE & AVATAR

SOCIAL MEDIA

The logotype translates to a consistent avatar that can be used to communicate your brand on Social Media









AVATAR SQUARE

## **TYPEFACE**

CONSISTENT CONTENT

Our brand typeface 'Lato Regular, size 10' should be used at all times.

Sometimes, a specific execution will require a different typeface. In this case, please proceed with care and ensure that it does justice to the brand values.

#### **System fonts**

Arial should be used when a system font is required, for example in Outlook.

#### Case

Uppercase for headlines.

Sentence case should be used for all body copy unless there is a good reason to change format.

## **LATO**

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Lato Bold abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 0123456789

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Lato Bold Italic abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 0123456789

Free via Google Fonts https://fonts.google.com/specimen/Lato

## **COLOUR**

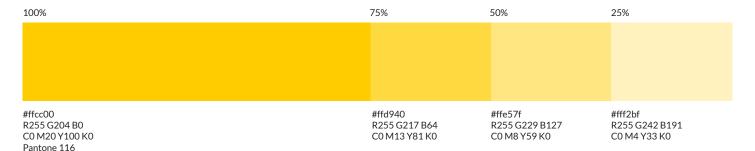
VISUAL IDENTIFICATION

Aurora Yellow plays an important part in building a brand and consistency is vital throughout the execution.

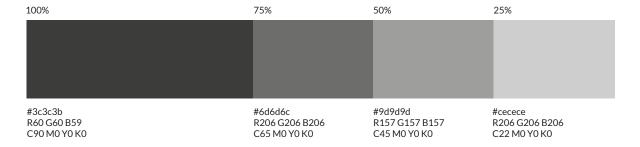
White space should always be embraced and unofficial colours should be used with care.

When using tints, please set the artwork to a percentage of the official brand colour values to ensure consistency.

# **YELLOW**



# **GREY**



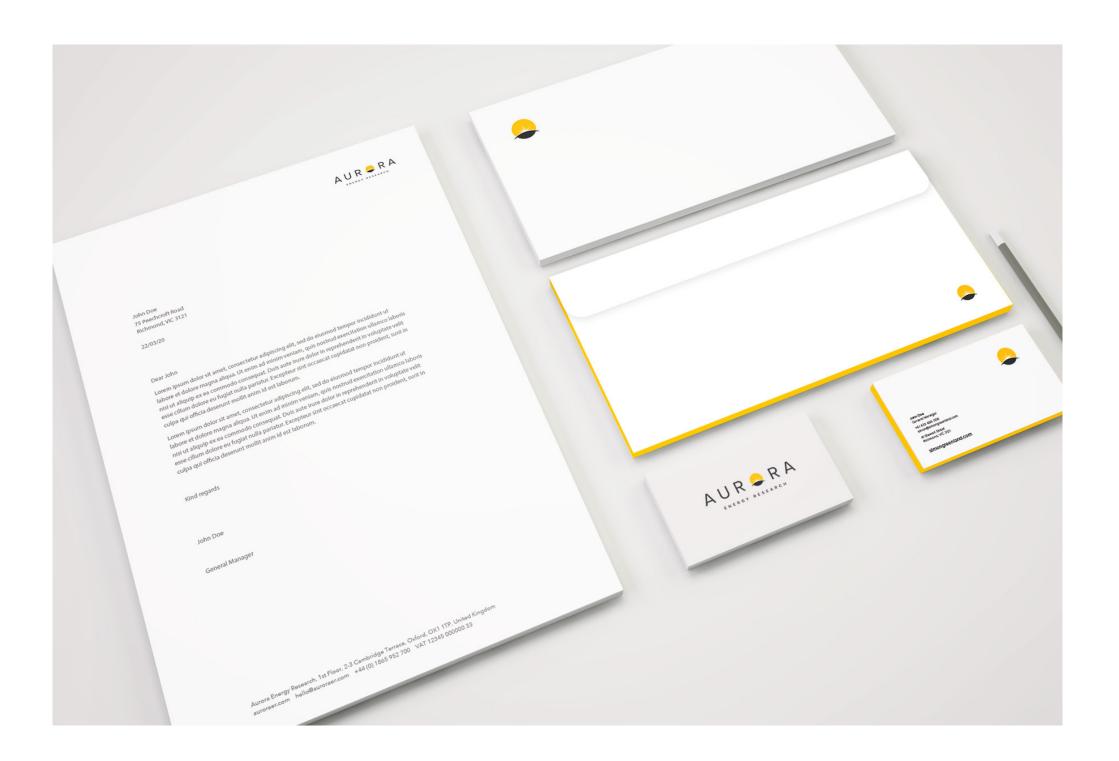
# **EXECUTION**

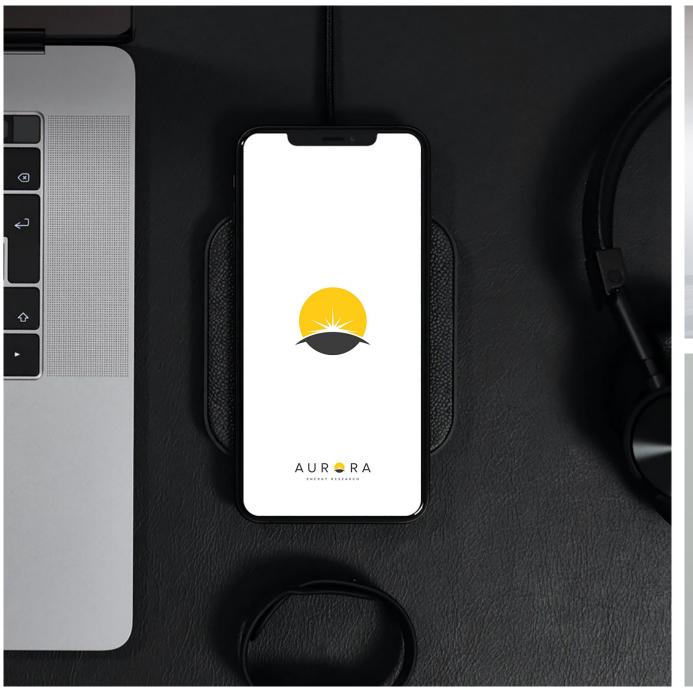
BRAND RESOURCES

Whilst the logo mark should never be changed, our brand is flexible to ensure our marketing collateral goes out with punch, creativity and professionalism.

Different types of collateral will require a range of different brand assets to be used.











### **EVENTS**

SUITE

The events logotype ties in with the core Aurora brand to ensure consistency and easy of use across the identity.

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**Spring Forum** 

Oxford 2021

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**Battery Conference** 

London 2021

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**Renewables Summit** 

London 2021

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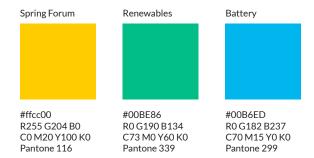
**Renewables Summit** 

Berlin 2021

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**Renewables Week** 

Germany 2021 | Virtual





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