# **JOHN VELTRI**

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## **SUMMARY**

John is an entrepreneurial, highly strategic and technically skilled brand marketer – aspiring to lead a revolutionary, lasting impact on the world through innovation. He is experienced in brand management, product development, digital marketing, advertising, market research, and innovation, and has a proven track record of both strategic planning and executing with excellence. John is passionate about business, innovation, digital technology and learning, and has a laser focus to succeed with anything he puts his mind to.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## Assistant Brand Manager, Topco Associates | Chicago, IL

Jul 2015 - Present

- ✓ Promoted to Assistant Brand Manager in July 2015
- ✓ Selected to lead the development of a new premium pet brand. Successfully created a data-driven brand strategy, managed creative teams for packaging design, and led 3 market research studies to validate with shopper data on time and on budget.
- ✓ Transitioned the Paws brand redesign by guiding creative design, doing competitive analysis messaging strategy, supporting launch by developing a shopper-tested advertising campaign, and working cross-functionally to roll out a 750 SKU assortment.
- ✓ Developed and Launched The Goods, a print and online magazine to educate retailers on innovative new items from Topco.
  As the brand lead, collected content, managed creative & digital agencies, and coordinated distribution with launch marketing.

## Brand Specialist, Brand Management, Topco Associates | Chicago, IL

May 2014 - Jul 201

- ✓ Grew the @ease brand from 8 to nearly 100 items by guiding creative strategy & design, analyzing competitors, copywriting, and creating 13 Sell Sheets to support the launch with selling points from IRI syndicated data, Nielsen and Mintel.
- √ Validated brand strategy and marketing campaigns with 10 consumer research projects, including writing RFP's, crafting concept statements for testing, designing surveys, participating in focus groups, and reporting research insights.
- ✓ Created 5 brand strategies using frameworks to define a prime prospect, brand positioning, personality, and architecture.
- ✓ Developed in-store marketing campaigns for 4 brands, and supported an agency to create audio and visual advertising campaigns, providing direct feedback aligning the campaign to brand strategy.
- ✓ Rennovated Topco's digital strategy by providing content for 9 new websites, updating 2 websites writing HTML & CSS, providing design guidance, writing copy, and analyzing brand websites using Google Analytics.

#### Market Research Analyst, Nielsen Innovation Practice (BASES) | Chicago, IL

Jul 2013 - Apr 2014

- ✓ Consulted world-class CPGs on new product innovation with 1-2 reports per month. Defined research objectives, designed surveys, evaluated products for key success factors, and identified areas for improvement to maximize revenue potential.
- Delivered analysis for over 30 new product concepts by pulling, cleaning, and analyzing data, modeling marketing plans using analytical software, forecasting Year 1 sales, and presenting insights using attractive visuals and story-telling.

## Market Research Analyst Intern, Nielsen Innovation Practice (BASES) | Cincinnati, OH

Jun 2012 - Aug 2012

- ✓ Built a meta analysis for a \$4.6B category using competitive insights and syndicated data to identify sales trends, shifts in market share, and new product launches allowing the team to make more accurate forecast assumptions in the category.
- ✓ Led an intern team to complete an innovation concept study including inventing a product, survey design, data analysis, developing a client-ready consulting report with meaningful business insights, and presenting to top leadership at Nielsen.

#### **SKILLS**

Business Skills: Brand Management | Product Development | Project Management | Digital Marketing | B2B Marketing | Advertising & Promotion | Market Research | Innovation | Data Analysis & Forecasting | Reporting | Survey Design | Tech Skills: Advanced Excel (VLOOKUP, INDEX MATCH, Advanced Conditionals, Pivot Tables, Basic Macros) | SQL | Access | HTML | CSS | JavaScript (jQuery, Node.js, Angular.js, AJAX) | UNIX Command Line | Git | Google Analytics | SEO

#### **EDUCATION**

Miami University, Farmer School of Business | Oxford, OH

Degree: B.S. in Business | 3.73 GPA (Top 7%)

Honors: Magna Cum Laude | University Honors with Distinction | Eagle Scout

Concentration: Operations Management, Entrepreneurship, Chinese