

## Brand Standards Guide 2021



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# The Brand

At Salons by JC, we fill every suite with success.



### Our Brand

Salons by JC is a place where excitement, creativity, and success live in the suites and the hearts of the people that make up the community. No matter which location you visit, you will sense this amazing feeling from the minute you walk in the door.

Salons by JC is a place of self-expression and self-care wrapped in a common culture of determined and business-minded entrepreneurs. We're dedicated to delivering the latest in high-end salon suites, business tools, and marketing resources. This is only elevated by the expansive and collaborative network of people that make up the Salons by JC community with our years of beauty industry experience and entrepreneurial spirit.

# Personality Traits

Understanding a brand means understanding what the core traits is comprised of. At Salons by JC, we believe the following traits are at the core of all we do.

### **Embracing**

Salons by JC was founded by entrepreneurs to help other entrepreneurs. The phrase "we're in it together" is at our core. This ideal attracts like-minded individuals who share this desire to see others succeed.

#### Relatable

Salons by JC consists of real people. From our founders to our franchisees, our suite owners to our concierges, we're all approachable and welcoming.

#### **Determined**

Salons by JC has thrived in our ultra-competitive industry for the last 25 years and is committed to doing the hard work it takes for our brand, franchisees, and suite owners to stay on top.

#### Relevant

Salons by JC consistently invests to remain meaningful to our suite owners and their clients. From our evolving building and suite designs to our brand marketing efforts, we continue to connect to our audiences, even as they change over time.

#### Successful

Salons by JC is a successful brand with successful franchisees and successful suite owners. Wherever you look, you'll find it. We attract franchisees and suite owners that are true entrepreneurs, who don't settle for the status quo.



# Brand Archetype

A successful brand has a strong sense of identity, known as an archetype, which is a universally familiar character or situation that generally transcends time, place, culture, age, gender, etc. Our brand archetype helps us connect to our audience and mirrors their hopes and aspirations.

At Salons by JC, our core archetype is "The Hero". The Hero is dedicated to achieving goals through competence, courage, and independence. This is something we strive for with all our franchisees, suite owners, and employees. We are passionate about helping everyone succeed and become heroes of their own businesses and life.

## **Brand Voice**

Brand voice is the uniformity in the words we use, the attitude and values of the brand, and how we address our audiences. It is how Salons by JC conveys its brand personality to the external world. This voice should carry over on all platforms: email, social media, web, print, etc.

Our brand voice is more than ads, marketing, or public relations. It's comprised of brand personality traits, tone, and style, our brand voice reflects the character of Salons by JC. It helps communicate what we offer, what we believe, and how we want to be considered in the marketplace. It guides how we behave, interact, and communicate to everyone.

# **Brand Tone**

Brand tone of voice is not necessarily what we say, it is how we say it. The tone of our brand voice represents the communication style and what we sound like—it's the attitude of Salons by JC.

#### The Salons by JC Tone Sounds:

# Confident Energetic Supportive Celebratory

By ensuring that the appropriate tone is used, it aligns communication with our brand personality traits and strengthens the cohesiveness and consistency of Salons by JC and its position within the marketplace and with our customers.

Consistency in tone helps us build trust and credibility across our customer base and with new potential customers and clients alike.





The style of the Salons by JC brand voice has to do with how we use grammar and punctuation. Below you'll find some writing-style guidelines that emphasize Salons by JC's tone and personality traits.

#### Do This

#### Not This

Be Conversational	Use personal pronouns like "we," "you," "our," and "your" helps Salons by JC sound friendlier and more welcoming.	Don't be overly strict in sentence structure which can cause the brand to seem stiff, unfriendly, or unapproachable.
Using Contractions	It's good to be informal in our communication with the usage of contractions like "we're" and "don't" or "haven't."	Using phrases like "we are," "do not" or "have not" can often soundrigid or impersonal.
Long and Short Sentences	•	Don't bore readers by putting too much information in a single sentence (run-ons) or repeat long sentences back-to-back.
First-Person References	After establishing Salons by JC, use first-person references oftento keep things warm and approachable.  "The success of Salons by JC proves we understand the major shifts within our industry. In turn, we provide you with the tools you need to succeed."	The absence of first-person references creates an impersonal and unfriendly tone.  "The success of Salons by JC proves they understand the major shifts within the beauty industry. In turn, Salons by JC provides you with the tools you need to succeed."
Strong and Direct Call to Action	Direct audiences with specific action: "Schedule a tour."	Don't be vague: "Get a hold of us soon."
Be Concise	Being direct and to the point. "At Salons by JC, suite owners are free to run their own business their way."	Don't say something in 50 words when it can be said in 15:
Bullet Points	When you have a list or a lot of information to include in writing, it's best to use a bulleted format for easier and faster reading.  Always format bullets the same way, i.e., with or without periods at the end.	Don't dump a lot of critical information into a paragraph when it's easier to understand as a bulleted list.





The Salons by JC color palette helps to enhance our brand identify and maintain consistency across the multitude of platforms that we communicate visually. Consistency of use with the color palette is mandatory.

#### **Primary Brand Colors**







78, 68, 56, 55

Uncoated

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RGB:		
241, 239, 238		
HEX:		
#F1EFEE		
CMYK:		
4, 4, 4, 0		

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RGB:	
250, 207,	14
HEX:	
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CMYK	:
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Uncoated

P 179-2 U



**Pantone Uncoated** 115 U

Coated

122 C

#### Secondary Brand Colors



RGB:



RGB:

189, 215, 69

**HEX:** 

#BDD745

CMYK:

30, 0, 91, 0



RGB:

228, 32, 106 HEX:

Coated

213 C

**Pantone** 

Uncoated

213 U

#E4206A			
CMYK:			
4, 98, 35, 0			
Pantone			

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**Pantone Uncoated** 

123, 180, 182 **HEX:** #7BB4B6 CMYK: 23, 1, 0, 29

**Pantone** Coated 7436 C

<b>Pantone</b>
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#### **Color Combinations**

Primary colors can be used as background colors or large fields of color while secondary colors should be used sparingly for typography, call-out backgrounds or small headline backgrounds. Below are acceptable as well as unacceptable color combinations. Also see Collateral Examples on pages 24-30 of this guide for examples of color usage.

#### Not This Do This

Yellow Text on Black Background	*Green Should Never Be Used For Copy*
White Text on Black Background	*Green Should Never Be Used as a Background*
Black Text on Off-White Background	Yellow Text on Off-White Background
Black Text on Yellow Background	White Text on Yellow Background
White Text on Pink Background	Yellow Text on Pink Background
White Text on Blue Background	White Text on Yellow Background
Black Text on Blue Background	Blue Text on Black Background
Yellow Text on Blue Background	Pink Text on Blue Background
Use Green For Accents: Bullets, Lines, Etc.	Blue Text on Yellow Background
Black Text on Pink Background	Blue Text on Pink Background



# The Logo

"Identities are the beginning of everything. They are how something is recognized and understood. What could be better than that?"

- Paula Scher



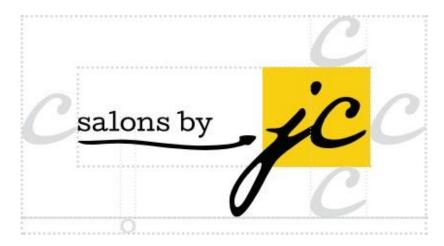
# Primary Logo Usage

Our logo is a key element of our brand identity. It is one of our most valuable company assets, and using it consistently results in stronger brand awareness for Salons by JC. Our full-color logo should be used primarily unless there are special circumstances that require one of the versions outlined on the next page. This version of the logo should only be used on white or light-colored backgrounds.



# Logo Clear Space

When using the official logo, it is important to "let it breathe". Don't overcrowd the logo, never put anything over the logo, never crop the logo, and always let the logo stand on its own.





# Secondary Logo Usage

The below Salons by JC logo versions should only be used in instances where the primary logo cannot be used.

#### **Brand Color Backgrounds**



For one-color or grayscale printing on light backgrounds, use one of these versions of the logo.



# Logo Misuse

In order to maintain brand integrity, never use the logo in the following ways.

**DON'T** change the color of the logo to a non-brand color



**DON'T** change the typography of the logo to anything other than the original



**DON'T** stack the icon above the words of the logo



**DON'T** stretch or compress the logo



**DON'T** change the colors of the typography, even to branded colors



**DON'T** add a dropshadow to the logo



**DON'T** add your location name or any other text to the logo



**DON'T** use the "JC" mark by itself– the logo must be accompanied by "Salons by"



<sup>\*</sup>unless being used as a social media profile image.



# Typography

"Type is branding... Understand what an opportunity that is."

- Elizabeth Carey Smith



# Brand Typefaces

The following typefaces are the only ones which should be used on Salons by JCbranded materials, from marketing collateral to on-site signage. It is important that these typefaces are used appropriately to make sure our brand stays consistent. *These fonts are available to download from the corporate drive.* 

#### HEADLINES AND CALLOUTS

Montserrat Extra-Light abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz // ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890 // !@#\$%^&\*()

Montserrat Light abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz // ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890 // !@#\$%^&\*()

Salons by JC Script abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz // ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890 // !@#\$%^&\*()

#### BODY COPY & COMPLIMENTARY TEXT

Lato Regular abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz // ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890 // !@#\$%^&\*()

Lato Bold abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz // ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890 // !@#\$%^&\*()



# Photography

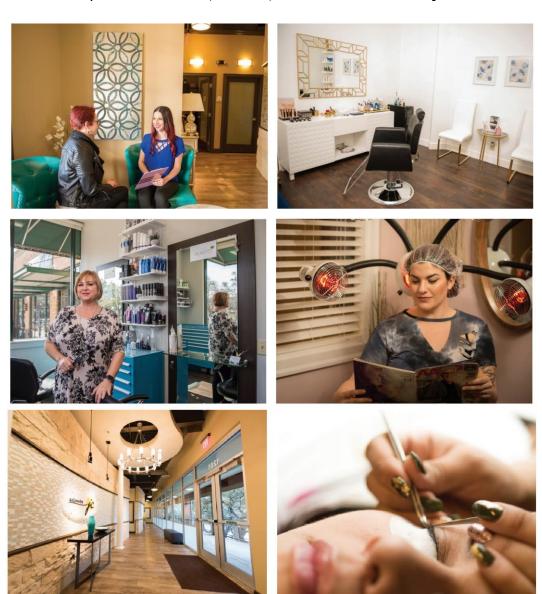
"Taking pictures is savoring life intensely, every hundredth of a second."

- Marc Riboud

# salons by

# Our Photography

Photography is one of the best tools you can use to convey ideas, emotions, our brand, and more. Salons by JC has a library of photos taken by a professional photographer, which should be used when possible. Photography should look natural and candid and should portray salon suite owners is a positive manner. Ensure photos are clear, well-lit, and have a clear subject.



# Stock Photography

While in-house or custom photography is highly preferred, in certain cases the proper images may not be available. In these scenarios high-quality stock photography may be utilized. When using stock photography, ensure you have proper credits or rights to use images for commercial purposes. When in doubt, don't use it and never use an image without proper authorization.



# Web Design

"Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works."

-Steve Jobs





The Salons by JC blog, solely managed by the corporate marketing team, is one of our most critical web components for outreach, education, marketing, and SEO.

If submitting content for the blog, ensure primary blog images are a singular photo, no collages. In addition, use the highest quality imagery available, professionally done if possible. Further instruction will be given to you by the corporate marketing team.



Salons by JC to Fill Columbia Sportswear Space in Uptown

Photo courtesy of Salons by JC Published on January 18, 2019 Twin Cities Business Written by: BURL GILYARD JC's lease marks its third metro location for local franchisees. The Columbia Sportswea

DEAD MODE



Salon Suites Rental Concept Nabs Former Midtown Williams-Sonoma Space

Published on April 16, 2019 Commercial Observer BY LAUREN ELKIES SCHRAM 127 EAST 59TH STREET. RENDERING: NEWMARK KNIGHT FRANK Salons by JC, which is like WeWork for the beauty industry with its salon

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# Microsite Copy

All copy on each location's microsite must comply with the brand and style guidelines for voice, tone, and grammar. There are sections of each microsite which are deemed "non-editable" by the corporate marketing team with a goal of maintaining a level of consistency and brand integrity.

These are not to be changed without corporate marketing's permission and include the following sections:

- Headlines: Leasing a Salon Suite, About Salons by JC "location" and Our Suites
- Suites Bullet Section
- Leasing Requirements
- Profit Calculator



### Microsite Headers

The image for the header will be a standard image that will be added when the microsite is created for new franchisees or applied when a location image is not uploaded.

Images should be at least 2,000px wide and a JPG file format. The image will be the full width of the uploaded image and crop the bottom.

Images which do not follow these guidelines or appear pixelated are not permitted and may be removed without notice.



### Salon Suite Owner Directory Photos

Photos of the salon suite owner should be professionally shot in their suite or use the salon suite owner's logo. The image will be cropped into a square and is a 1:1 ratio. Images must be at lease 380px by 380px and JPG file format. Do not use selfies and do not apply dramatic filters to the images. These images are to showcase the individual's salon suite and the salon professional to potential clients. A default image will be applied on the site if one is not uploaded.





# Signage

# Interior Signage





INTERIOR WALL SIGNAGE (ROSWELL, GA LOCATION IN IMAGE)



# Exterior Signage

#### **Exterior Building Signs**

Exterior building signage is produced by Accent Graphics. There are two options that are outlined below. Signage criteria should be identified and negotiated prior to lease execution.



#### **Optional Additions**

You have the option to add the graphics displayed below.

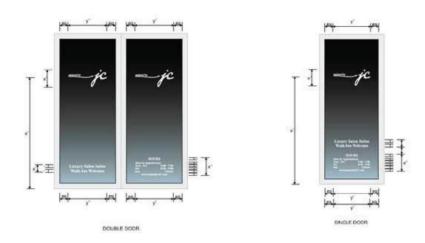






#### **Exterior Door Signs**

Exterior door graphics are produced by Accent Graphics. These graphics must be white. Placement options other than those described for 1 and 2 doors shown here need to be approved by Salons by JC.



#### **Pylon Signs**

Negotiated with LL prior to lease execution. 3 size options based on size of pylon. LL's or municipalities that require different sizing or color options need to be preapproved by Salons by JC.





# Collateral Examples



# Accessing Collateral

To access marketing materials, visit our marketing portal hosted by SilverCrest at https://salonsbyjc.lmap.com.

Pre-produced collateral contains the required elements, stock, and paper type. Materials produced by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party need to be approved by Salons by JC prior to production and mailing. Logo, taglines, and photography should maintain appropriate size relationship.

The following examples can also be used as a general reference for how to use the brand colors and elements to produce collateral going forward.

### **Business Cards**



Option 1



Option 2



# Thank You Cards + Envelope of

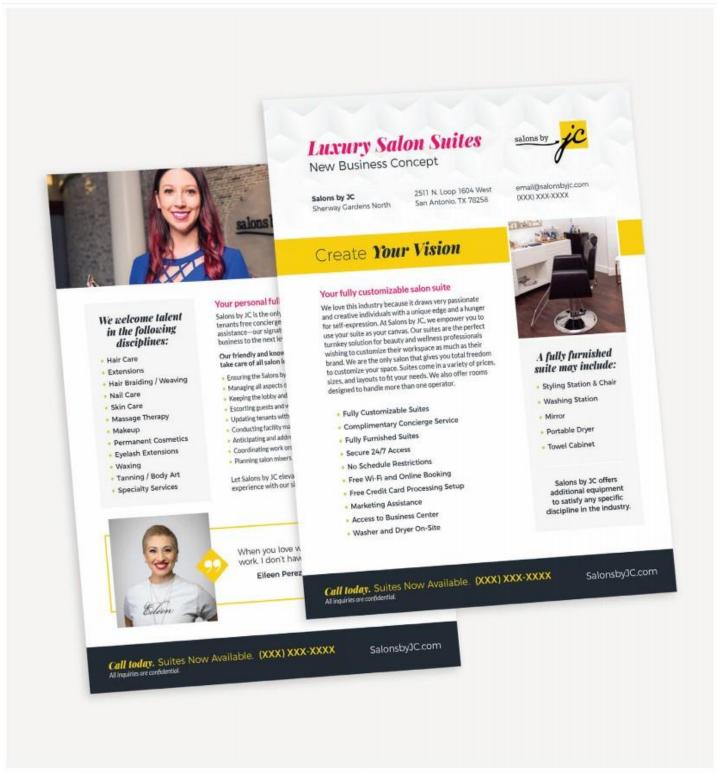


#### 2 Pocket Folders + Tiered Inserts



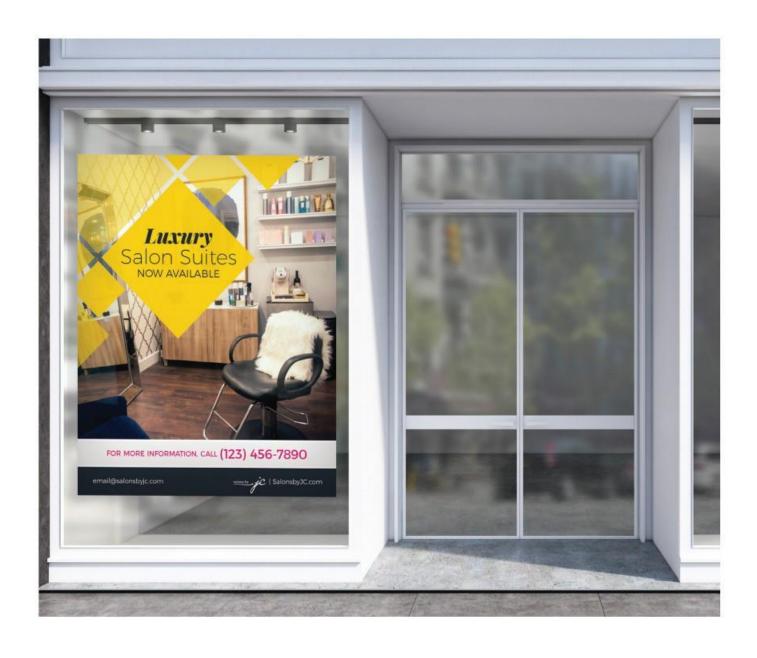
# New Business Concept Flyers











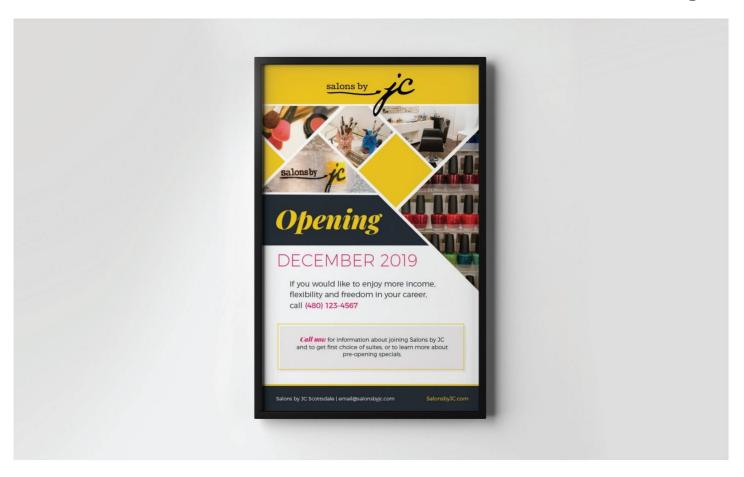












# Now Leasing Banner

