

### Cécile BENET

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## SKILLS & EXPERTISE

#### **CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE & RETAIL FOCUS**

- Optimized in-store branding to guide customer flow and enhance product visibilitu
- Collaborated with retail and operations teams to align campaigns, activations, and messaging across key customer journey stages
- Ensured retail visibility and customer engagement through localized campaigns and tailored in-store experiences

Achievement: Localized retail activations across multiple markets, adapting messaging and store experiences to regional consumer behaviours and preferences, leading to improved engagement and store traffic.

### **BRAND ACTIVATIONS & ENGAGEMENT**

- Delivered innovative in-store and multi-channel activations, connecting brand stories to consumer lifestyles
- Understood customer needs to develop customer-driven marketing strategies that reinforce loyalty and emotional connection
- Built strategic partnerships and cultural collaborations to increase brand awareness and desirability

Achievement: Created 'Outloud', an innovative brand activation at Virgin Megastore, merging music and fan experiences to drive brand interaction.

### **PROJECT & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

- Led cross-functional projects from concept to delivery, ensuring stakeholder alignment across functions
- Structured and monitored workflows to improve operational speed and execution accuracy
- > Oversaw project scope, budget, and timelines in complex, fastpaced environments

Achievement: Marketing Project Manager for the opening of Virgin Megastore's flagship store at The Dubai Mall, handled concepts development, execution & team coordination.

#### **MARKETING STRATEGY & EVENT MANAGEMENT**

- Developed 360° marketing plans integrating retail, digital and PR components to maximize brand visibilitu
- Coordinated launch events, thematic campaigns and seasonal rollouts across multiple markets
- Managed creative alignment and consistency across all consumerfacing formats

Achievement: Implemented a unified cross-functional campaign calendar at Virgin Megastore, improving team coordination and reducing time-to-market across 4 countries.

### **VISUAL BRANDING & INSTORE EXECUTION**

- > Implemented regional visual branding systems to ensure consistent in-store look & feel
- Worked with local teams to adapt fixture layouts and animations based on store formats
- > Supported rollout of retail toolkits and display guidelines for seasonal updates and new store openings

Achievement: Developed and deployed a real-time branding management system, reducing outdated branding materials and ensuring brand consistency across stores.

# PROFILE

Regional Marketing & Business Development Manager with 11 years of experience in the Middle East, shaped by diverse international exposure (Switzerland, Equpt, Gabon, Indonesia, Senegal, France, Sweden).

Driven to create impactful brand experiences that connect and resonate.

# WHY ME?

- Creative, consumer-first and brandexperience driven
- Strategic and structured, with strong project coordination skills
- Strong relationship builder with global, multicultural expertise
- Adaptable and team-oriented, thriving in dunamic environments
  - Continuous learner, always evolving and embracing new challenges

### EXPERIENCE

#### **REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER** Pierre Frey | 2021 – Present

Leading growth initiatives in luxury interiors projects (stars hotels, VIP residences) while managing VIP clients across the GCC countries.

### **REGIONAL MARKETING MANAGER**

#### Virgin Megastore MENA | 2017 - 2020 Created, drove and delivered trade marketing & multi- brand activations strategies. Virgin Star (employee of the year)

### SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Nestlé UAE | 2014 - 2017 Developed the Alternative Trade Channels, driving revenue growth, optimizing brand image & visibility.

# EDUCATION

**CERTIFICATION (Elvtr)** Marketing & sponsorship

**MASTER'S DEGREE - International Marketing** Burgundy School of Business, France

BACCALAUREAT - Economy International School of Jakarta, Indonesia

### INTERESTS



Globetrotter

Art & Crafts Art Study (2007) Photography

MMA Rugby Motocross

