

CORPORATE BRAND IDENTITY MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to SIFAX corporate brand identity manual. Our identity is made of various unique components that gives it a distinctive visual style. It is imperative to have a guideline in order to achieve consistency in the application of our identity and build strong awareness and recognition for our brand.

The logo manual is designed both for our own employees and our partners, such as ad agencies, graphic studios and designers, printing offices, press, and other company partners and suppliers.

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Explaining the logo development



The fonts used are clean, bold and closed packed. This represents firm foundation and strength.

Futura BK was used in SIFAX.

Lemon/Milk was used in GROUP, subsidiaries and countries names. The A in this font is modified after the font has been turned to objects to improve legibility.

The **X** has an abstract styling, that is broken into two arrow converging from left and right. The right arrow continues to extend to a prominent height above all other

Components & meaning









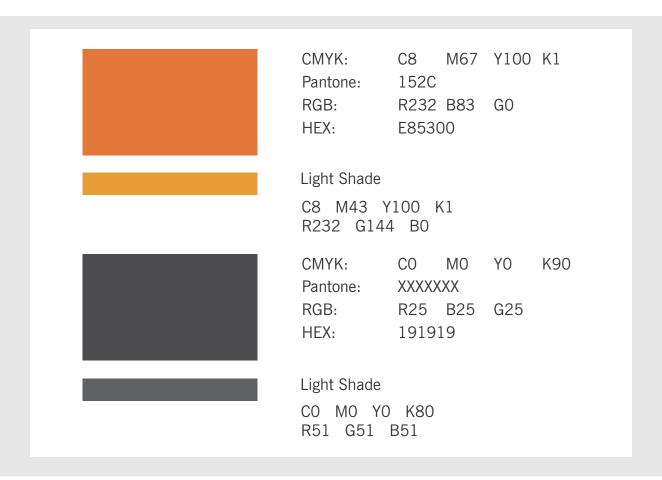
elements in the SIFAX sign. This means a driving force in a positive direction.

The grey triangular arrow head is used to represent the subsidiaries of the SIFAX GROUP. This triangle is dynamic, as it points upward in a positive direction, also it fits into the socket of the X.

Overall Logo Communication:

It communicates a brand that is strong, global, positively driven and can be trusted.

Colours & meaning



Our corporate colours are distinct and there is a need for it to be applied consistently, to provide a strong visual link across various materials and communications and set our company apart from the competitors.

No colours other than the ones specified above may be used.

Colours & meaning



Grey is a neutral colour used in colour branding to pass a message of calm and neutrality.

Orange is associated with excitement, friendly, and warmth. This passes a message to the customers that they are cared for, that the brand is friendly, and their satisfaction is top priority.

Gradients from light shade to base colour are in the ratio of 30% Light:70% base colour. This should be kept consistent when gradients are to be used across communication materials.

Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



Full colour version of the SIFAX GROUP logo is the preferred version on all materials and communications. It is the most visible part of our identity. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

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Logotype: White on SIFAX orange



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Logo clear space



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Logo on background



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SIFAX UNITED STATES LOGO

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SAHCOL

Logotype: White on SAHCOL Grey



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SAHCOL colour meaning





Pantone:

XXXXX RGB: R119 B118 G117

HEX: #777675

C51

M44 Y45 K22

SAHCOL Grey is used to represent maturity, responsibility, professionalism, and dependability.

There are no gradients for this colour and it should be used as such.

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Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



PORTS & CARGO full colour logo is the preferred version on all materials and communications. It is the most visible part of our identity. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

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Logotype: White on PORTS & CARGO Blue



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PORTS & CARGO colour meaning





CMYK:

XXXXX

C100 M98 Y13

K16

Pantone: XXXXX

RGB: R58 B59 G121

HEX: #3A3B79

PORTS & CARGO Blue is used to represent its area of operation which is the sea. It stands for calm, trust and authority.

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Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



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SHIPPING colour meaning





CMYK: C75 M19 Y0 K0

Pantone: XXXXX

RGB: R31 B164 G221

HEX: #1FA4DD

SHIPPING Blue is used to represent the Sea. The calm attribute of blue also works here because a calm sea favours an expedition. This shade of blue is directly opposite the SIFAX orange on the colour wheel and it has good contrast.

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Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



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Logotype: White on FORWARDING Green



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FORWARDING LOGO

FORWARDING colour meaning





CMYK: Pantone:

RGB:

C75 M0

Y100 K80

XXXXX

R33 B76 G43

HEX: #214C2B

FORWARDING Green is used here because of the need to continually develop fresh and efficient processes to satisfy customers. Also, the feeling of safety it invokes. There are no gradients for this colour and it should be used as such.

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Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



OIL & GAS full colour logo is the preferred version on all materials and communications. It is the most visible part of our identity. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

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OIL & GAS colour meaning





CMYK: Pantone: C64 M4 Y100 K0

e: XXXXX

RGB: R110 B183 G79

HEX: #6EB74F

OIL & GAS Green is used here because of the need to continually develop fresh and efficient processes to satisfy customers. Also, the feeling of safety it invokes. There are no gradients for this colour and it should be used as such.

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Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



HAULAGE full colour logo is the preferred version on all materials and communications. It is the most visible part of our identity. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

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HAULAGE colour meaning





CMYK: C28 M100 Y100 K38

Pantone: XXXXX

RGB: R132 B47 G48

HEX: #842F30

HAULAGE Red (reddish-brown) is used here to communicate action, determination, orderliness, organization, and convention. These attributes tell customers they and their goods are in great hands. There are no gradients for this colour and it should be used as such.

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Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



OFFDOCK full colour logo is the preferred version on all materials and communications. It is the most visible part of our identity. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

OFFDOCK

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Logotype: White on OFFDOCK Ocean Grey



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OFFDOCK colour meaning





CMYK: C55 M30 Y29

Pantone: XXXXX

RGB: R128 B157 G168

HEX: #809DA8

OFFDOCK Ocean Grey is a blueish grey, having characteristics of both colours used to communicate clarity of thought, and dependability.

There are no gradients for this colour and it should be used as such.

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K0



Logotype: Full colour (gradient)



MARINE full colour logo is the preferred version on all materials and communications. It is the most visible part of our identity. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

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This is a direct alternate to the full colour (gradient) logo. It should be used in cases where the effects cannot be achieved like in silkscreening, monogramming, etc. Generally this logo can be used interchangeably, but it is less preferred. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

Logotype: Black



The Black version of the logo should only be used when there is no possibility to print color. It can be used for documents such as fax forms, black & white photocopies, newspaper ads, etc. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

Logotype: White on MARINE Purple-Red



When the logo is used on a solid background color that is in conflict with the colors of the full colour version, the logo may be reversed out in white. Generally the logo should only be reversed when no other option is available. The logo must be used as provided and can not be altered in any way.

Logo proportions

2/3X

I/3Y

MARINE

X

The grid is used when it's necessary to verify that the construction of logo elements has been maintained and aligned correctly (e.g. in making signage or engravings). The grid may be used only for cross-checking that the logo is visually correct, but the logo must be reproduced or recreated from this grid.

MARINE LOGO

Logo clear space



The clear space represented by the blue area, ensures that the logo is visible. Clear space between the logo and other graphic elements such as type, images, other logos, etc. ensures that the logo choked.

It is better to have more whitespace around the logo than stated above.

MARINE LOGO

Logo on background



When placing the logo on an image, colour or pattern, it is essential that there is enough contrast between the logo and the background. The logo must not be placed on backgrounds that distract from or compete with the logo.

The preferred option is to show the full colour logo against a white background.

MARINE LOGO

MARINE colour meaning





CMYK: C42 M100 Y42 K25

Pantone: XXXXX

RGB: R133 B49 G89

HEX: #853159

MARINE Purple-Red is used to communicate quality, future and creativity.

There are no gradients for this colour and it should be used as such.

No colour other than the one specified above may be used.



CORPORATE FONT

Primary Font: For print and screen

NewsGoth BT Font Family





In order to achieve a unique and consistent look across all communication materials, the **NewsGoth BT** font family must be used on all printed materials and communications - and if possible, also on the website and online communication.

Substitution font is **Arial**. This font can be used only when there is no possibility to use Primary font.

CORPORATE FONT

Primary Font: Application

Corporate Identity

is serious business & we are not joking.

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The example above is a possible scenario in which the font family can be used in creating a pleasing and dynamic publication or brand communication document. It is advisable to purchase the font to be used in commercial communication items to avoid litigation.

WARNING

Don'ts when using the logo



Never change the colour combination order of logo. The right colour combination order is iii



Never squash the logo. If you need to increase the size, do it proportionally



Logo should always be placed on colours that contrast well with it. White background is most preferable.

Above are some examples on bad usage of our logo, it is important to have a consistent identity across all platforms of communication.

Kindly contact us if you have questions on how to apply our logo to avoid unpleasant situations.

WARNING

Don'ts when using the logo



Logos cannot appear more than once on a page, and logos from different subsidiaries cannot appear together on the same page.

Unique and individualistic ad communication is best for SIFAX GROUP and its subsidiaries, like the blue marked box above.

Logo application standard: Important!

In design of brand materials and other items that help promote the brand, it is imperative that the logo is used properly. There are certain rules that must be followed:

- Maintain a good clear space around the logo. The Logo can be aligned to left, right or center and at all times a minimum of 1/4X height should be maintained around the logo, from other elements like page margins, bounding boxes, other logos etc.
- Multiple Logos: In a given boundary, no two logos should appear in close proximity to each other.

For Example:

When SIFAX GROUP is communicating about it subsidiaries, they can appear within a bounding box but must be far apart and the subject must be bigger. This helps create a sense of individuality and to avoid a strong feeling of repetition (because of the strong similarity.

- The logos should always have good contrast against the background they are placed on. White background is most appropriate.
- There is a 70:30 ratio rule used in the gradient, and it

can be applied to other elements within brand communication materials.

- Colours should be used strongly (not loudly) to differentiate these entities, and it is should be used mildly.
- The logo assumes a rectangular overall shape, as such the most appropriate shape it should be placed in is a rectangle.
- Whenever the logo is to be embossed on communication materials, there should not be information on the reverse side of where it appears. Emboss is hard to control even for the most professional printers, therefore it requires patience for the cut blocks to register well with the design. Always ensure the printer gives his best.

Graphical representations of possible use of these rules in brand communication can be seen below.

Brand elements application



In the example above, the X height is 34.65 mm, a quarter of X height (8.66 mm) is the clear space around the logo in blue.

Brand elements application



In the Magazine Ad above, we have SIFAX GROUP (minor) doing and ad to celebrate SIFAX SHIPPING (subject).

Brand elements application





a b

The logo placement on the business card (in **b**) clearly states SIFAX GROUP is where John Smith works. If He happens to also work in any subsidiary, it means he would be given another card for such subsidiary. No two logos can appear on same communication material.

Brand elements application







These shapes have equal clear space for the logo placed in each of them.

The square has too much room at the top and bottom.

The rectangle has equal spacing round the logo.

The circle has too much space at the top and bottom.

Look closely at the logos centered perfectly square, rectangle and circle. The most appropriate optically is the rectangle.

Brand elements application



70:30 ratio

70:30 rule is applied as a defining graphic element is the proportions of the two rectangles that appear across the communication materials. An example is the graphics above.

Brand elements application



Applying the 70:30 rule to vehicle wrap and using main brand colour and subsidiary colour.

Brand elements application



On the reverse the emboss should not obstruct any vital content or information like in **b**, and **c**. In **c**, room was created for the information on the reverse, and the emboss therefore does not interfere.

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