

VISUAL BRAND GUIDE

A complete guideline for working with the KMAC Contracting Ltd brand.

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About This Guide

WHAT IS THIS GUIDE?

This guide provides the rules for how to represent our brand in all of our marketing, advertising, and client communications.

WHAT IS A BRAND?

A brand, at its simplest, is how an organization shows up dressed for work. It is the "look and feel" of an organization; all of the visual parts that make it distinct and memorable to clients, employees, and the general public. The brand covers many areas, from the logo and colour scheme, to the design of the letterhead and advertising.

A brand, when used properly, helps an organization form a strong first impression. It provides a way for clients, employees, and the public to identify with the organization and develop familiarity and trust with it. It can also be a great source of pride and an indicator of the strength of an organization.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSISTENCY

For a brand to deliver the benefits it promises, it must be used consistently. When there are no set standards for the design of stationery, logos and marketing materials, all of the advantages of a strong visual identity fade away - diluting the message, confusing the public, and potentially damaging our reputation.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The purpose of this guide is to set the standards for our visual identity and to educate staff and vendors on how to properly represent our brand in any visual medium we are working in. In addition to the guide, there is a full set of working templates in digital formats which should be used for future needs. Please contact nine10 for assistance with and access to these templates.

GETTING HELP

You will find contact information on the back cover of this guide for questions, approvals, and technical support with the templates or the guide itself.

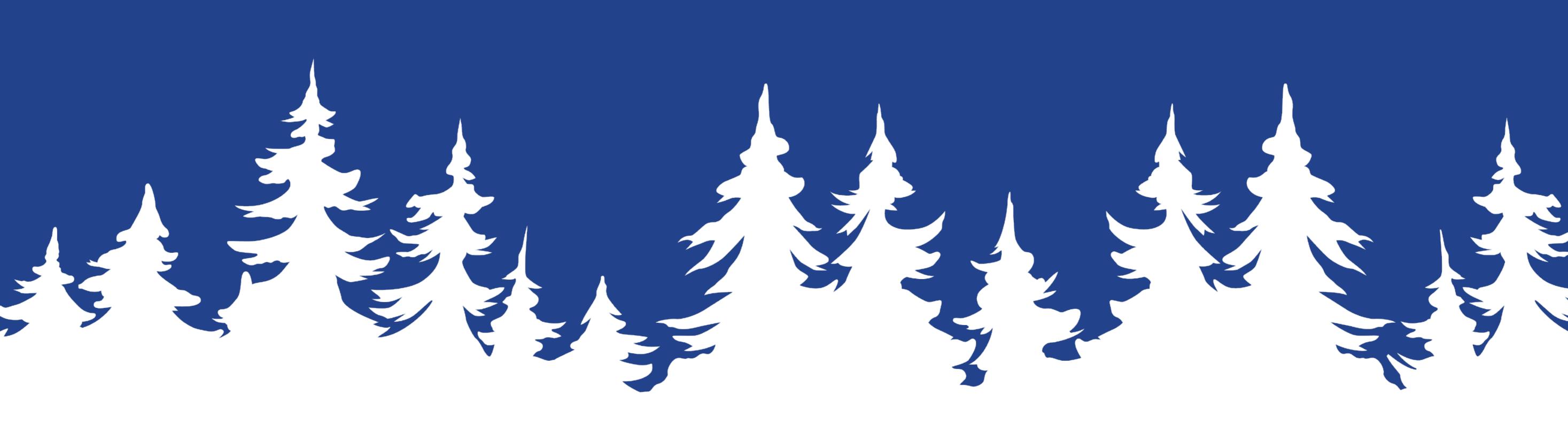
DEVIATING FROM THIS GUIDE

We ask that you follow the rules set forth in this guide when creating any visual materials for our company.

Any deviations from the rules presented in this guide must be authorized in writing.



Logo Versions & Usage



Main Logo

These logos are the only approved versions of our logo. No other version may be used under any circumstance and the files should not be altered in any way. These are the primary versions of our logo which are to be used on the majority of our marketing materials.

Use the full colour edition on light backgrounds, and the full colour inverted edition on dark backgrounds when colour printing is available. Use the black edition for either grayscale (e.g. newspaper) or black-only (e.g. fax) printing. The white edition may be used on dark backgrounds in a colour print, or for dark backgrounds in grayscale or black-only printing.



MAIN LOGO

LOGO COLOUR VERSIONS





Alternate Logo

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SECONDARY LOGO

LOGO COLOUR VERSIONS





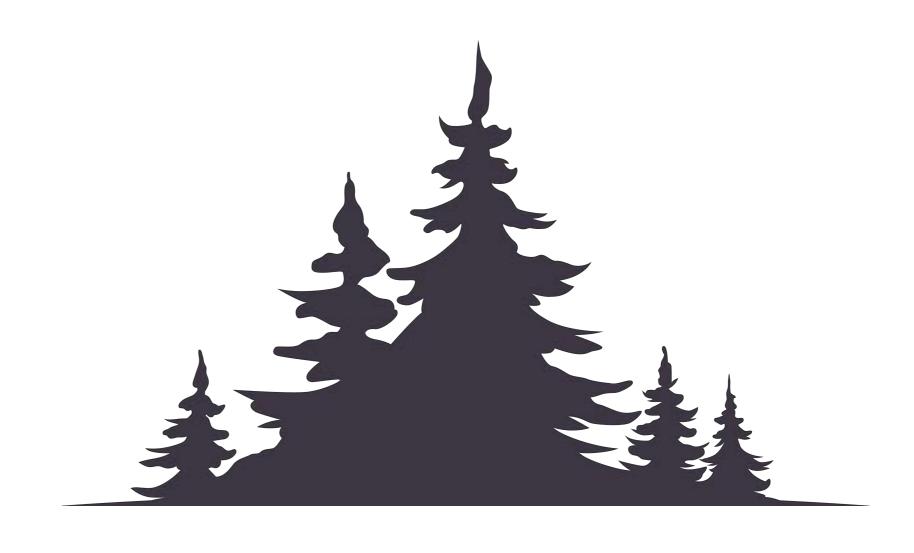




Isolated Icon

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ISOLATED ICON

LOGO COLOUR VERSIONS









Fitting, Sizing, Spacing

FITTING & SPACING

To ensure legibility always keep a minimum clear space around the logo. This space isolates the mark from any competing graphic elements like other logos or body copy that might conflict with, overcrowd and lessen the impact of the mark.

The clear space around the logo should be 1/4 the total height of the logo. Measure the height of the logo then divide that number by 4. Then use a square sized to that exact measurement to ensure the correct clear space around the logo. (X = the total height of the logo).



SIZING

The logo should never be displayed smaller than 0.5" high in print, and no smaller than 150 x 45 pixels when displayed at 72 dpi on the web.

The only situations where the logo may be reproduced at a smaller size is when there is no way to physically fit the logo at the minimum size on the object being produced, such as a pencil; however, for all print and web applications where room is adequate, the logo must be the minimum size or larger. Please ask for approval if your design requires the use of a smaller logo.





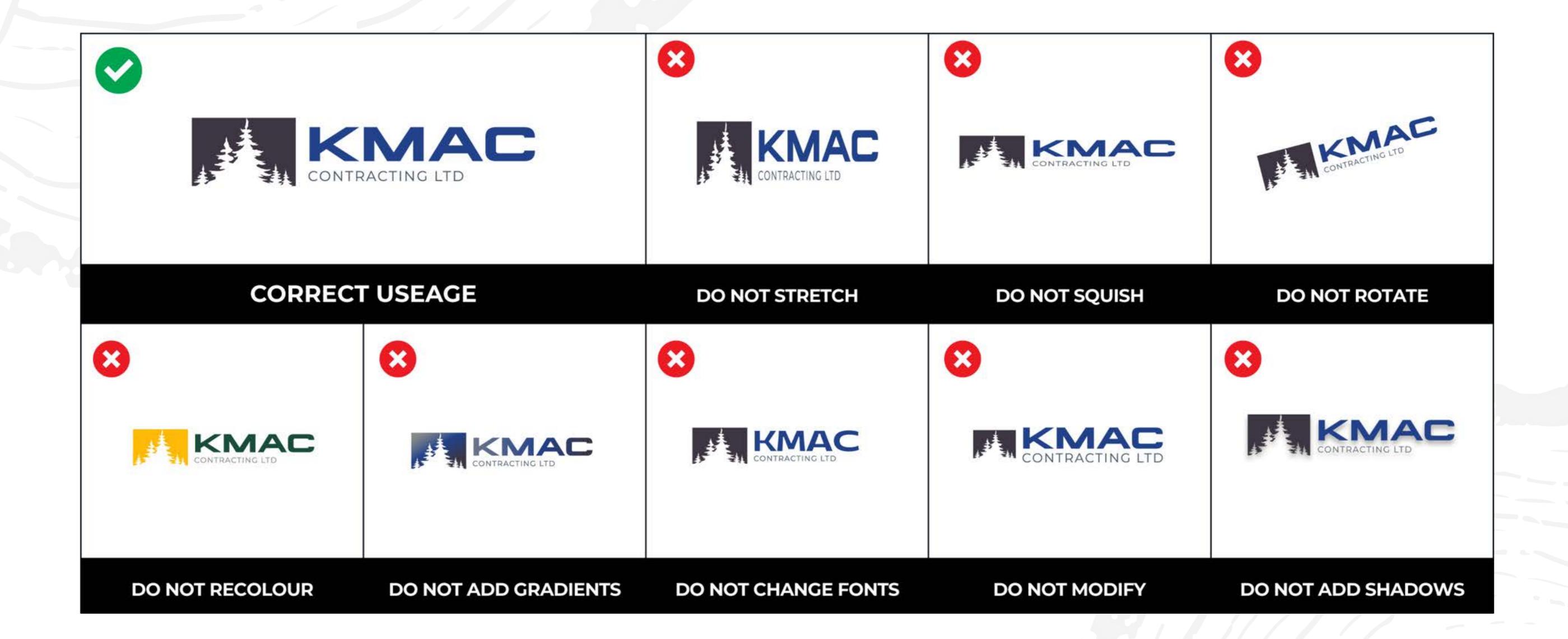
Proper Logo Usage

HOW TO USE OUR LOGO

The logo should be used exactly as provided in the logo file set. Do not alter, stretch, squish, or try to recreate the logo. The following examples illustrate common mistakes to avoid.

A Note About Backgrounds

Please be sure to use the appropriate logo for the background that it will be placed on. For grayscale applications, please use the black or white version of the logo. DO NOT print the colour logo as grayscale - use the black version instead. Using the right colour of logo on the right background is important to maintain the legibility of the design.





Logo File Fornats

FILE FORMAT CHART

The following chart shows which format is best for a given situation. If you are producing materials professionally, it is recommended to provide your vendor with the full set of files regardless.

For everyday use the primary file formats that will be used are the .PNG & .JPEG files. Always use the ideal format when possible. Only use the alternate format if required.

	.AI	.EPS	.PDF	.JPG	.PNG	.svg
Adobe Creative Suite						
Professional Printing & Signage						
Working with Professional Designer		•				
Print Advertising						
Merchandise						
Social Media					•	
Microsoft Word						
Microsoft PowerPoint					•	
Microsoft Publisher		•				
Working with Professional Website Designer						
DIY Website Design					•	
Web Animation & Multimedia						
Video Production		•				
3D Modelling & Drafting						

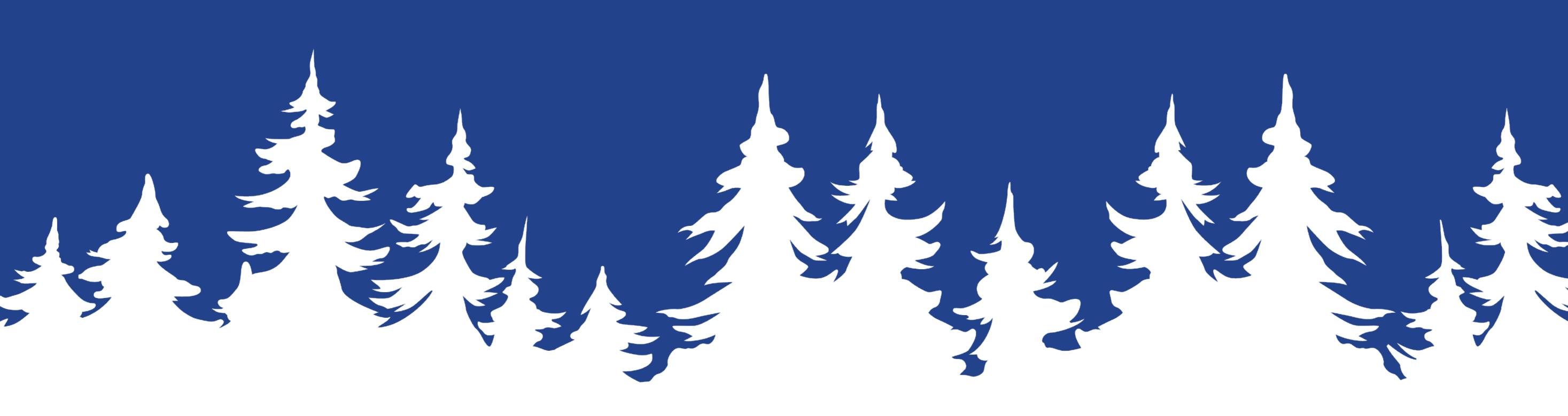








Brand Colors



Colour Palette

The following swatches represent the official colours of our brand. When reproducing the logo or developing any promotional materials, please use the exact colour specifications shown here.

Avoid trying to approximate colours.

Pantone and CMYK values will be suitable for most forms of printing.

The RGB values are best for use on the web, and the HEX values are also good for use on the web as well as for choosing colour values in programs such as Microsoft Office.

Consistent use of these colours contributes to a cohesive and harmonious look of the brand identity across all relevant media. Consistency is vital to effective brand recognition.

Do not use any other/unauthorized colours.

Main Colours



Forge Blue

CMYK: 99-86-13-2 RGB: 34-66-139 Hex: #22428B Pantone



Obsidian Night

CMYK: 71-71-51-47 RGB: 61-54-67 Hex: #3D3643 Pantone



Steel Slate

CMYK: 72-56-43-20 RGB: 79-93-107 Hex: #4F5D6B Pantone

Secondary Colours



Onyx Alloy

CMYK: 48-39-40-4 RGB: 138-140-139 Hex: #8A8C8B Pantone

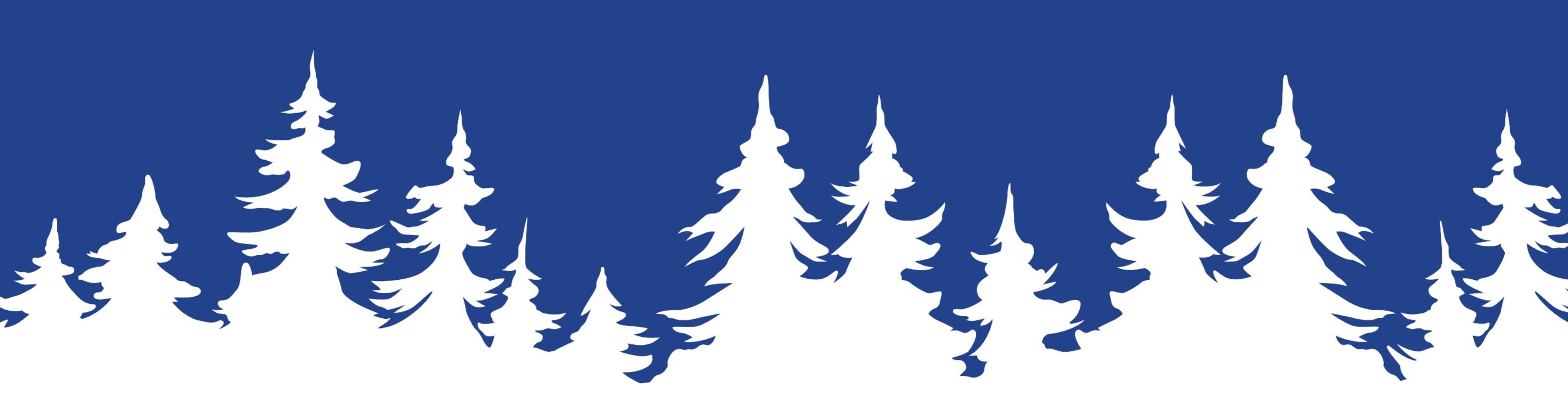


White

CMYK: 0-0-0-0 RGB: 255-255-255 Hex: #FFFFF Pantone



Brand Typography



Heading Font



MBF Moonlander

Our brand uses a specific font for headings in print and online. **MBF Moonlander** is used for headings. It's usually displayed in a larger font size than the subheadings and significantly larger font size than the body text. Only use the font in the weight that is specified.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee FF Gg Hh II Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Ww Xx Yy Zz

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Sub-Heading Font

Montserrat Semi-bold

Our brand uses a specific font for sub-headings in print and online. **Montserrat Semi-bold** is used for subheadings. It's usually displayed in a smaller font size than the headings and a larger font than the body text. Only use the font in the weight that is specified.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Ww Xx Yy Zz



Body Font

Montserrat Regular

Our brand uses a specific font for sub-headings in print and online. **Montserrat Regular** is used for subheadings. It's usually displayed in a smaller font size than the headings and a larger font than the body text. Only use the font in the weight that is specified.

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Alternate Fonts

USING OUR FONTS

If there are challenges using or sharing the official fonts, alternative fonts have been outlined here for these cases.

The official fonts are always preferred and recommended.



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A Ca Poppins Semi-bold
Sub-heading Font

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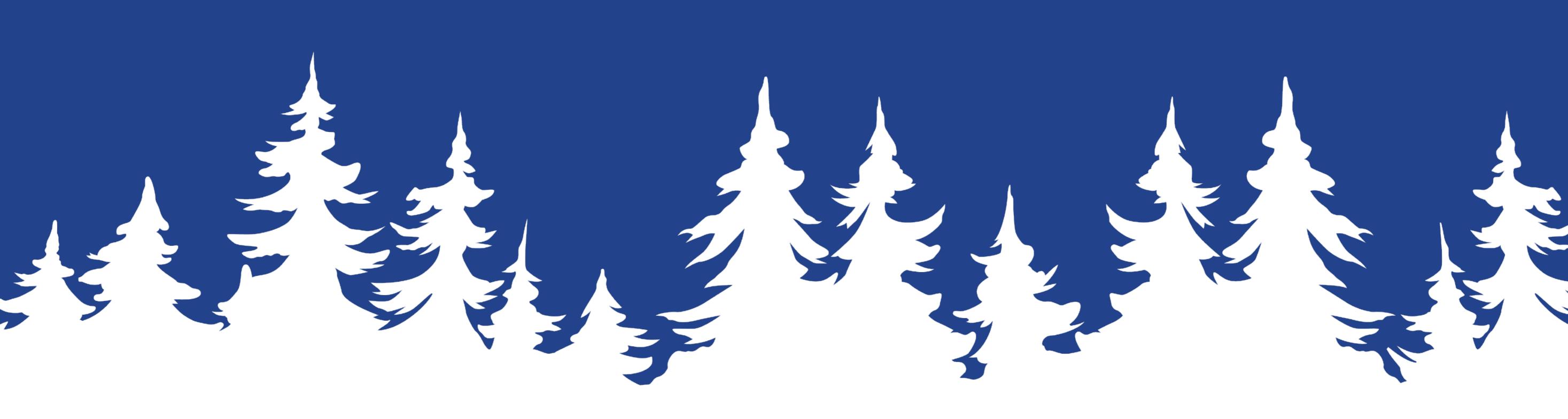
A Poppins Regular

Body Font

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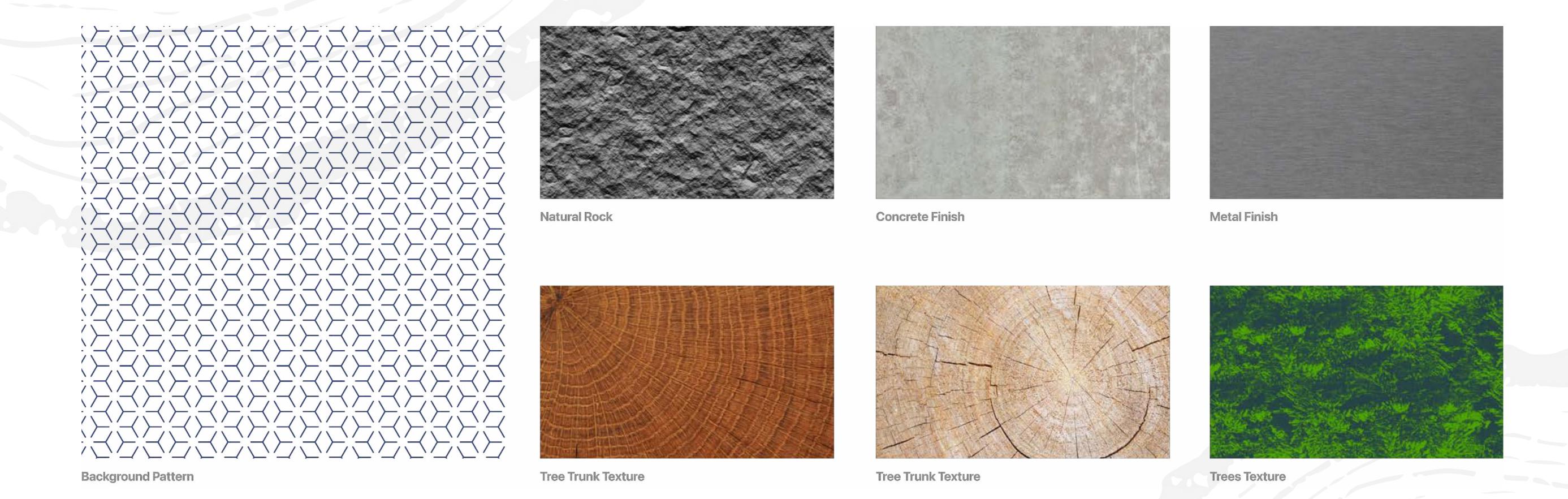
Brand Assets



Backgrounds

PATTERN/TEXTURE

This pattern has been created using the nature as an inspiration from the main colour palettes. In addition to being used in marketing materials, this assets could be used as background for taking photos at the construction site. There are the following textures we can make use of.





Decorative Elements

LINE ART OF CONIFEROUS TREES

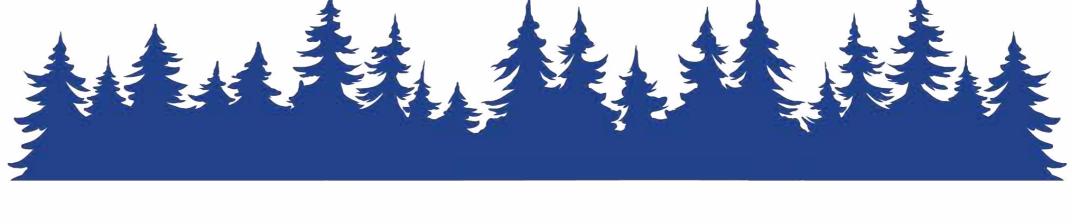
Our decorative elements are based around the motif of Coniferous trees. These natural elements are a combination of modernistic and traditional approach making it unique to the construction industry.



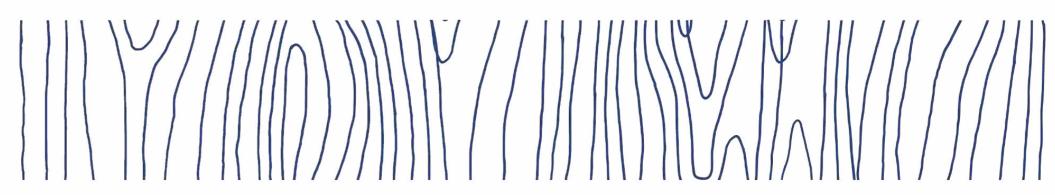
Coniferous Trees Silhouette



Wood Grain Texture Pattern



Coniferous Trees Silhouette



Wood Grain Texture Pattern











Coniferous Trees Elements





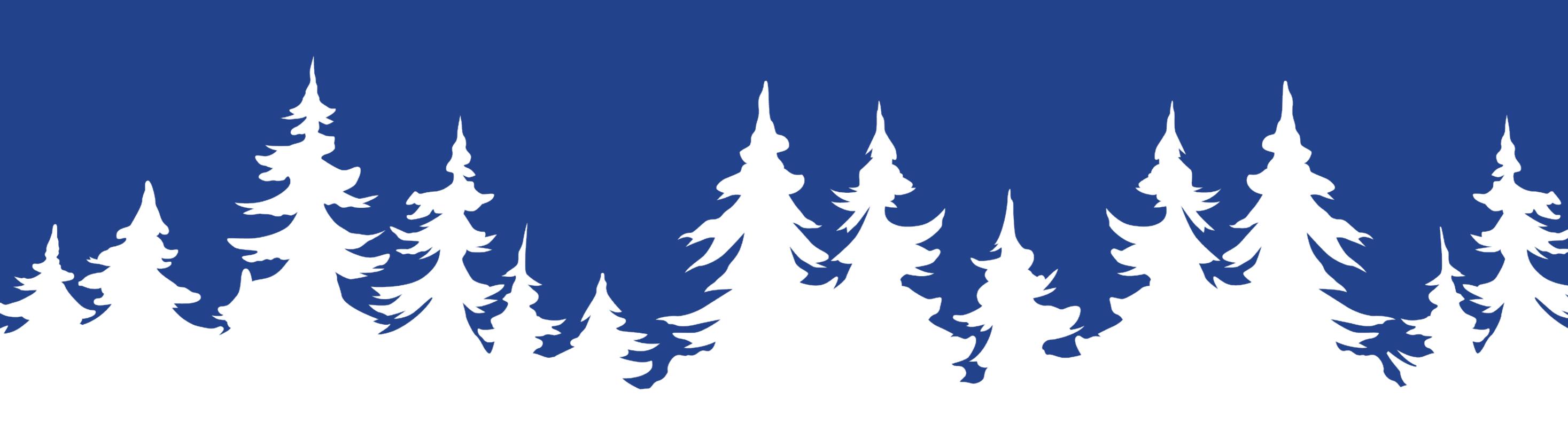








Brand Photography



Photography Rules

CUSTOM PHOTOGRAPHY

Whenever possible invest in professional photography. An investment at the outset can generate a library of images that can be re-used yearround in marketing materials.

Do not use stock images to represent a "real" part of our business.

Pictures of our staff, our community, and our products are things that people can easily recognize. Use real pictures to represent the real parts of our business.

IMAGE QUALITY

All images used in our marketing materials should be professionally shot, high quality images. Clean, sharp pictures with an appealing composition and great lighting.

TECHNICAL QUALITY

Use the correct resolution of a photo for the medium they will be used in. For example, print requires large, high-resolution photos. Never scale up a photo to fit - it will pixelate and distort the image. Either re-take the photo or obtain a larger version.

STOCK PHOTOGRAPHY

It is acceptable to use high quality stock photos in certain areas of our marketing materials by following these guidelines.

- Guideline #1 Look for images that accurately represent the technical processes and equipment involved in construction industry such as logs, trucks, dozers and other equipment.
- Guideline #2 Select high-quality images that are well-lit and in focus are essential in creating a professional and credible brand image.
- Guideline #3 Choose images that are consistent in style and tone to maintain a cohesive brand image across different marketing channels.
- Guideline #4 Consider editing the images or combining them with custom graphics or text to create a more unique visual representation of your brand.



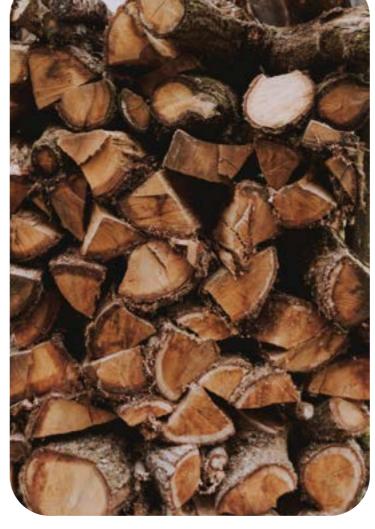
Examples & Editing

STOCK PHOTO EXAMPLES

To effectively utilize stock photography for your construction industry brand, search for images that accurately represent the technical aspects and equipment involved in construction processes, such as engineers working on machinery, inspecting building materials, and utilizing specialized tools. High-quality, well-lit, and focused images are crucial for creating a credible and professional brand image. Ensure consistency in style and tone across your chosen images to maintain a cohesive visual identity. Remember that stock images are not exclusive, so consider customizing them with unique graphics or text to create a more distinctive representation of your brand.









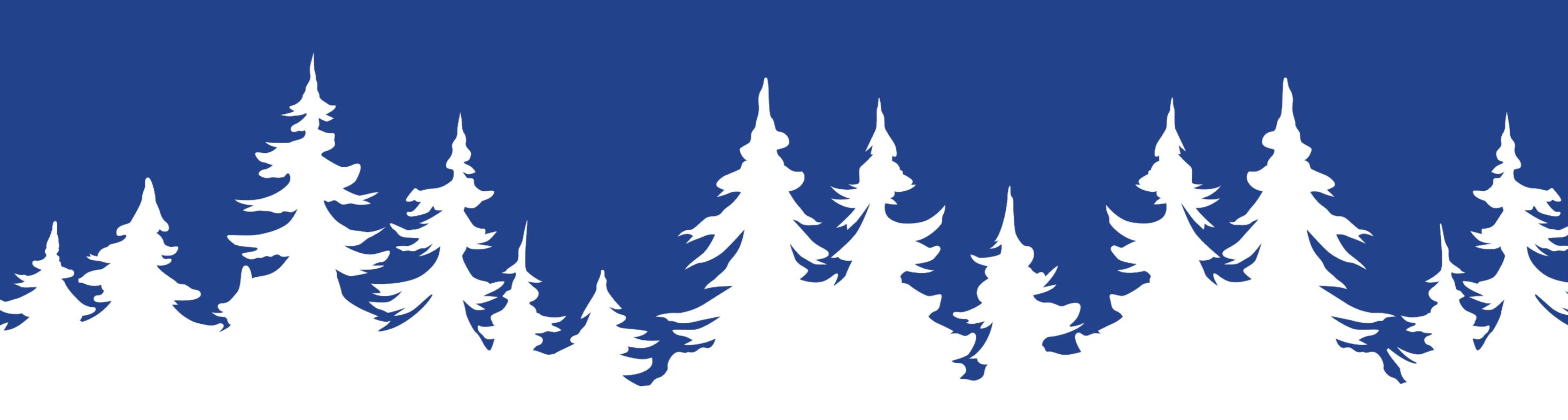








Layout Guidelines



Creating Layouts

HOW TO USE THE VISUAL IDENTITY ELEMENTS

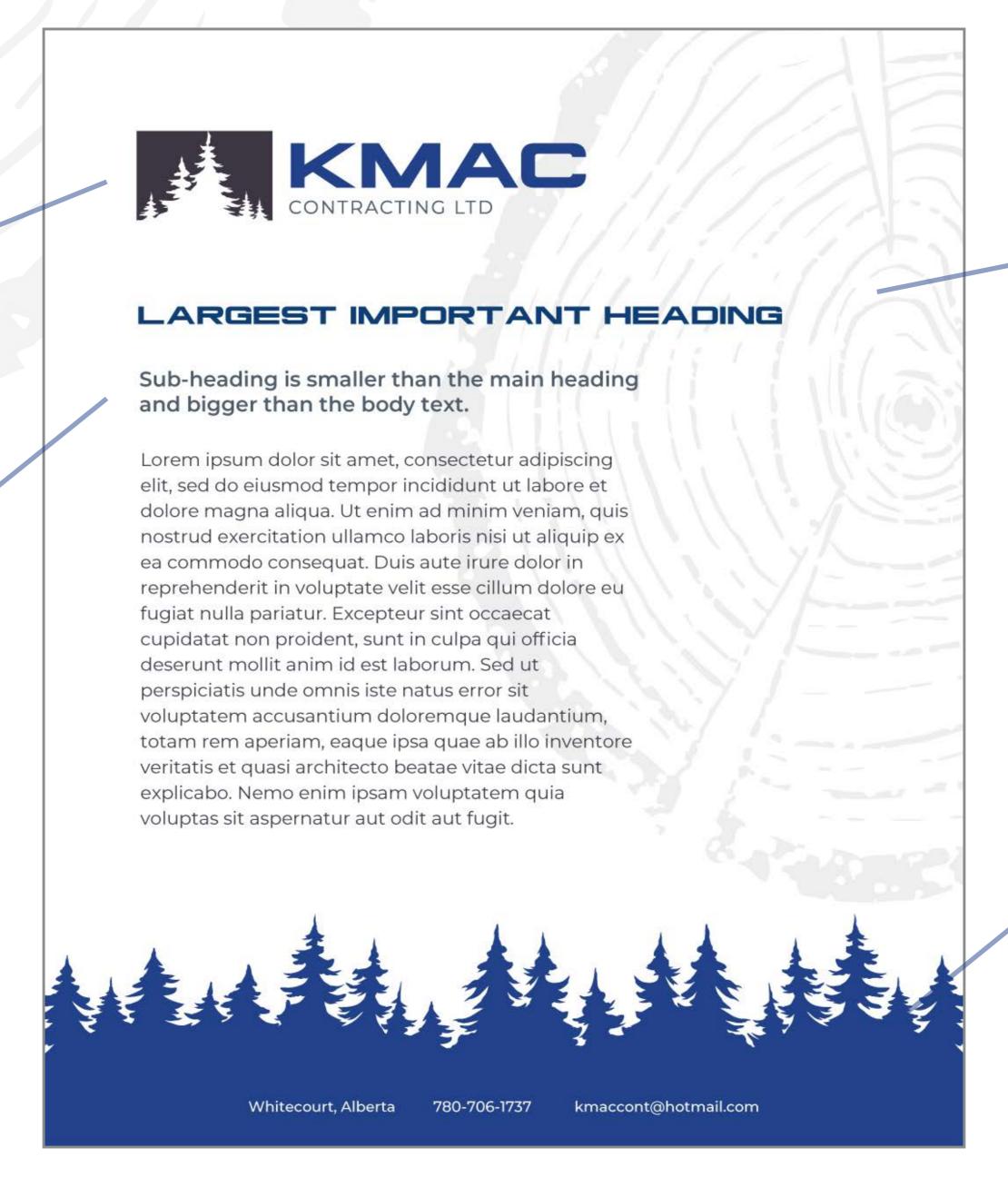
When creating marketing materials using the KMAC Contracting Ltd. brand, follow these guidelines to ensure consistency.

USING OUR LOGO

The logo should always be clearly visible. Use the correct logo versions according to the background it's placed on.

USING OUR FONTS

Follow the font guidelines outlined on page 14-16. Primarily the text should be left aligned. Headings should be in all caps and subheadings can be in sentence case.



USING DECORATIVE GRAPHICS

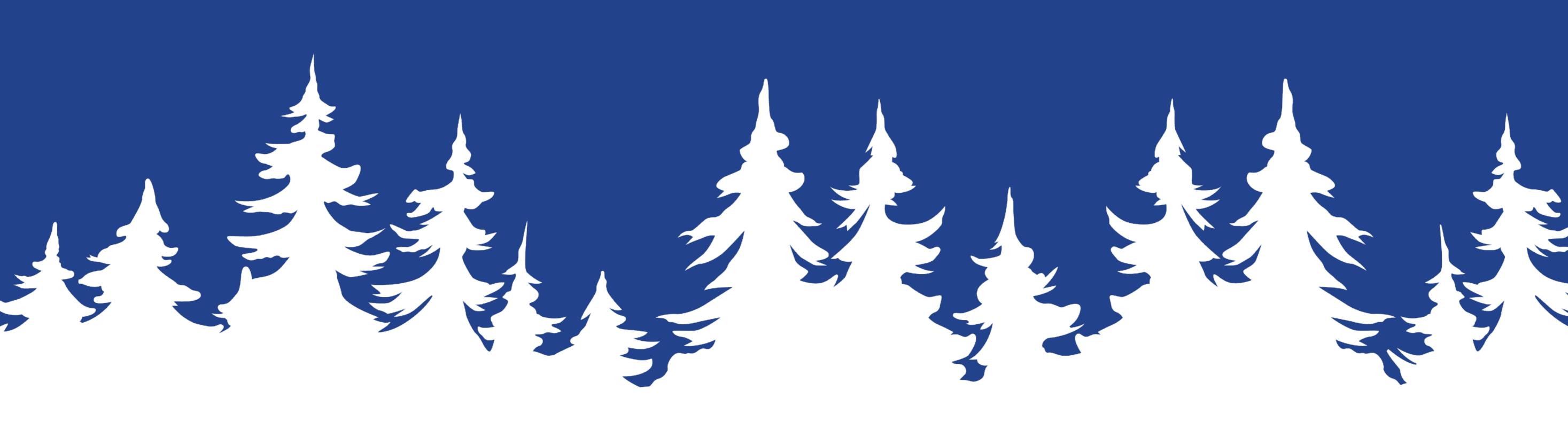
The natural elements can be used in a variety of ways. The line elements can be used to fill whitespace. The frames can be placed over the nature textures (see Canva templates for example).

USING BACKGROUNDS

Use the Coniferous tree illustrations either as a footnote or a full background.



Brand Templates



Business Cards

REPRODUCING STATIONERY

When reproducing stationery, please only use the template files that have been created. This will ensure our branding is consistent across all marketing channels. Editable templates have been provided for creating business cards for any employee of the company.

All cards should be printed on quality stock. Include additional details about any added printing treatments here (i.e. spot UV).







Letterhead & Envelope

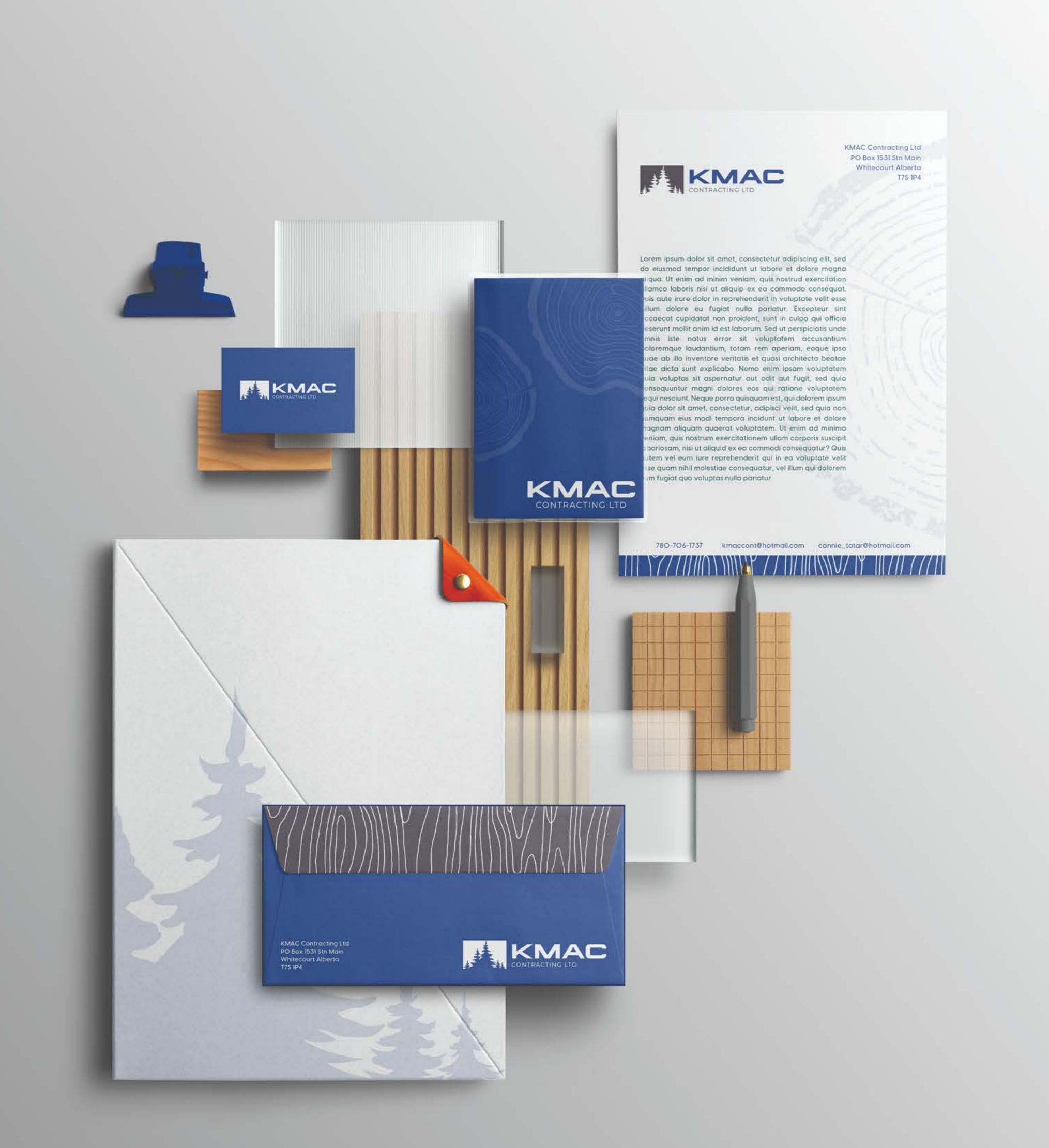
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When reproducing stationery, please only use the template files that have been created. This will ensure our branding is consistent across all marketing channels. Print ready files of the letterhead and envelope have been provided, as well as editable source files.

Ensure you install the correct fonts before using the letterhead. If brand fonts cannot be use, refer to the alternative fonts on pg 18.











Canva Templates

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Canva Brand Kit contains all of our branded assets and custom branded templates for using on social media. Use these templates as an example for using the brand in Canva to ensure consistency in imagery used on social media. Do not use templates premade by Canva without applying our branding to the design. Make sure our fonts, colours, and graphic assets replace the ones used in the premade template.









FOR SUPPORT RELATED TO THE GUIDE OR THE ACCOMPANYING TEMPLATES, CONTACT:

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We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions about our guide or need further help with a brand project.

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