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Key Takeaways

- As a new resort, Sunseeker wanted to prioritize building brand awareness to ensure that both travelers and locals could become familiar with their name and property.
- Cendyn developed a two-pronged approach strategy; one focused first on building awareness for the resort via paid search, programmatic advertising and personalized targeting of desired guest demographics and interests, and second on driving bookings once brand visibility was established.
- ✓ The results exceeded expectations, with across-the-board boosts in clickthrough, an increase in bookings, and a significant return on ad spend that continued months after the grand opening.

Overview

Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor — opened on December 15, 2023 — is Florida's *newest luxury resort*. With 785 guestrooms, a deep range of dining options and an ideal Gulf Coast location just a short drive from Punta Gorda, Fort Myers, Tampa, St. Petersburg-Clearwater, and Sarasota, all Sunseeker needed to succeed was a *big boost in awareness*. So Cendyn got to work making it happen.



Goals

- Build brand awareness of a new property among both locals and visitors.
- Establish the market profile for a new resort.
- ✓ Drive guest bookings.
- ✓ Generate revenue.
- ✓ Spark interest prior to the grand opening.
- Sustain excitement post ribbon-cutting.











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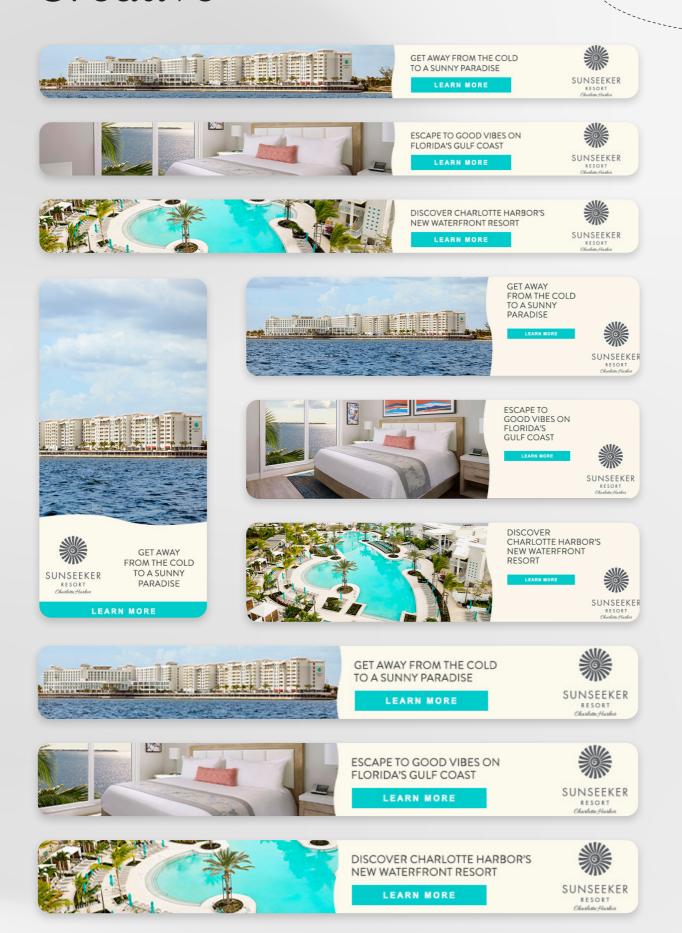


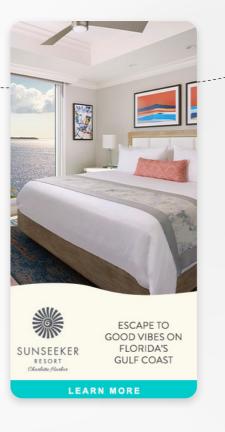
- The *first phase* of positioning Sunseeker as a new premier property began prior to the launch of the resort. To begin, Cendyn focused on *building awareness* of Sunseeker by launching a series of *targeted marketing campaigns* (including paid search). Key to this strategy was utilizing *specific keywords* to ensure that Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor appeared prominently in search results for potential guests looking for getaways in the region. Additionally, *programmatic advertising* was employed to reach a broader audience across various digital platforms, delivering personalized ads to these soonto-be early visitors.
- Dookings and generating revenue. By effectively targeting specific demographics and interests, Cendyn successfully reached the two main groups necessary for elevating the property's profile: both local residents and potential vacationers. This effectively raised awareness of Sunseeker Resort and established Charlotte Harbor as a premier luxury destination ultimately driving bookings and revenue prior to the doors even being opened.
- By strategically dividing the campaign into discrete preopening awareness and post-launch booking phases,
 Sunseeker Resort was able to effectively build anticipation and
 drive reservations. The consistent increases in brand profile,
 clickthrough rates and bookings throughout the post-opening
 periods handily demonstrated both the campaign's early and
 ongoing success in attracting and converting potential guests.

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Results

Increased property visibility.

Elevated brand awareness.

Exceptional demand generation.

A far **higher rate** of conversions than anticipated.

Excitement both prior to opening, and during business operations

Return on Investment

Phase One

+80%

CLICKS

+76%

CLICK-THROUGH RATE

Phase Two

+62%

CLICKS

+103%

CLICK-THROUGH RATE

+232%

BOOKING RATE

3 Months Post Opening

+61%

CLICKS

+69%

CLICK-THROUGH RATE

+81%

BOOKING RATE

